



## White House wants \$4.5B in emergency border funding

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Wednesday asked Congress for an additional \$4.5 billion in emergency funds for the U.S.-Mexico border as it grapples with a surge of Central American migrant families seeking refuge in the U.S.

Most of the money re-

quested would be used to increase shelter capacity and care for the migrant families who have been fleeing poverty and violence in their home countries. Department of Homeland Security officials said they would likely run out of money without the extra cash.

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Acting-Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan prepares for a House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on his agency's future funding, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

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# U.S. hopes for Venezuela change fizzle for 3rd time this year

By MATTHEW LEE and BEN FOX

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — For the third time this year, the big moment in Venezuela has turned into a bust.

Trump administration officials had expected that Wednesday might turn out to be the beginning of the end for President Nicolas Maduro with senior government figures withdrawing support and the opposition launching a mass uprising with military backing.

Or at least that's what the administration had been led to believe.

But the promised defections didn't happen, the military uprising never materialized and Maduro still appeared to be firmly in command of the South American nation. Trump officials were back to complaining about the support Venezuela receives from Cuba and Russia while issuing vague warnings of military action.

"Military action is possible," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in an interview on Fox Business Network. "If that's what's



National security adviser John Bolton talks to reporters outside the White House about Venezuela, Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in Washington.

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required, that's what the United States will do."

It was another reality check for an administration that has thrown its support behind the opposition with a series of diplomatic and economic measures that, so far at least, have failed to achieve their goal of ousting Maduro.

The U.S. views Maduro's re-election last year as fraudulent and illegitimate and has recognized Juan Guaido, the opposition head of the National Assembly, as interim president.

Some in the administration thought they would

achieve their mission in January, when the U.S. formally recognized Guaido and around 50 other nations followed suit. Others thought it might end in February, when the opposition entered the country with trucks of U.S. aid to help the people of a once prosperous country where many now go without food and medicine amid a deep economic crisis.

This week, administration officials were told the defense minister, the president of the supreme court, the head of the presidential guard and others

would formally announce that they supported the Venezuelan constitution, implicitly backing the opposition, said Elliott Abrams, the special U.S. envoy for Venezuela.

He said the U.S. didn't know exactly when this would happen but figured it would coincide with big opposition rallies planned for Wednesday, May Day. It was "widely understood," Abrams told reporters at the State Department, there would be huge May Day marches and Guaido and his supporters hoped they "would lead peacefully to the end of the Maduro regime."

Instead, U.S. officials were caught off guard early Tuesday with the release of a video featuring Guaido and Leopoldo Lopez, an opposition leader who suddenly appeared to have been freed from house arrest with the cooperation of soldiers guarding him. They called for a mass uprising with the military, dubbed "Operation Freedom."

But the security services that have backed Maduro throughout the crisis never

switched sides to any notable degree. The defense minister, Vladimir Padrino, reaffirmed his support for the government early in the morning. By the end of the day, Lopez and his family had sought refuge in the Chilean ambassador's residence and then the Embassy of Spain.

U.S. officials said Maduro would never be able to hang on without the support of Russia and Cuba, which they say has some 20,000 military and intelligence personnel in the country.

Cuba angrily denied the allegations, saying the vast majority of its roughly 20,000 people in Venezuela are providing health care, education and basic infrastructure services. "To the allegations that Cuba has troops in Venezuela, they are totally and absolutely false," Cuba's director-general of U.S. affairs, Carlos Fernández de Cossio, told The Associated Press in an interview in Washington. "Cuba does not participate in military operations or security operations in Venezuela of any type." □

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"DHS projects it will exhaust resources well before the end of the fiscal year," read the administration's formal request letter to Congress, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

The request is just the latest in a flurry of efforts by the administration to cope with what it calls a "crisis" that officials say has overwhelmed federal resources and capacity. President Donald Trump has railed against aides and Congress for failing to do more to address the situation, but has also made clear he believes his hard line on immigration was key to his 2016 victory and intends to continue to hammer the issue to motivate his base heading into his 2020 reelection campaign.

It also comes a day after a 16-year-old Guatemalan boy in the care of U.S. Health and Human Services died after falling ill with a fever and chills. His death is under investigation. Two other children died in Customs and Border Protection custody late last year.

The 2019 fiscal year budget already contained \$415 million for humanitarian assistance at the border, including \$28 million in medical care, senior administration officials said Wednesday.

But the White House now wants an extra \$3.3 billion to increase shelter capacity for unaccompanied migrant children and for the feeding and care of families, plus transportation and processing centers.

Of the new request, \$1.1 billion would go toward operational support, including

personnel expenses, detention beds, transportation and investigative work on smuggling. The remaining \$178 million would be used for mission support, including technology upgrades. It's unclear, however, if Congress will approve the extra funding. Getting Democrats and Republicans to agree on how to address the border situation has been a challenge, especially on the heels of the longest government shutdown in history over Trump's demand for border wall funding. Trump eventually declared a national emergency declaration to circumvent Congress to get the funding elsewhere. Senior administration officials, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the request by name, insisted the new money would not be used for border barriers and said the funds were different from those Trump has sought to access through his declaration of a national emergency.

The number of families and children arriving alone at the border is now outpacing the number of single adults, putting new strains on the immigration system. The U.S. is on track to have as many as 1 million cross this year, the highest number since the early 2000s, when most of those crossing were single men from Mexico looking for work.

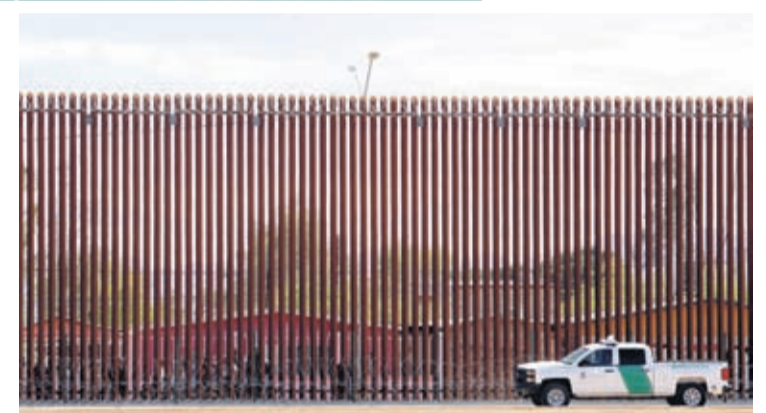
Border stations were not constructed to handle such a large volume of children and families, and they have been pushed to the breaking point.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection encountered

50,036 unaccompanied children during the last budget year, and so far this budget year there have been 35,898 children. Their average length of stay in a government shelter is 66 days, up from 59 during fiscal year 2018 and 40 in 2016's fiscal year.

Customs and Border Protection on Tuesday encountered its largest group to date: 424 people, comprised mostly of children and families, in rural New Mexico.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan said Tuesday before a House subcommittee that his department was running out of money amid



In this April 5, 2019, photo, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection vehicle sits near a section of the U.S. border wall with Mexico in Calexico, Calif.

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the spike and said officials would be submitting a supplemental request, but didn't say for how much. In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Russell

Vought, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, said the crisis was overwhelming the ability of the federal government to respond. □

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## Barr, Mueller trade barbs as Russia probe rift goes public

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Private tensions between Justice Department leaders and special counsel Robert Mueller's team broke into public view in extraordinary fashion Wednesday as Attorney General William Barr pushed back at the special counsel's "snitty" complaints over his handling of the Trump-Russia investigation report.

Testifying for the first time since releasing Mueller's report, Barr faced sharp questioning from Senate Democrats who accused him of making misleading comments and seeming at times to be President Donald Trump's protector as much as the country's top law enforcement official.

The rift fueled allegations that Barr has spun Mueller's findings in Trump's favor and understated the gravity of Trump's behavior. The dispute is certain to persist, as Democrats push to give Mueller a chance to answer Barr's testimony with his own later this month.

Barr separately informed the House Judiciary Committee that he would not appear for its scheduled hearing on Thursday because of the panel's insistence that he be questioned by committee lawyers as well as lawmakers. That refusal sets the stage for Barr to possibly be held in contempt of Congress.

At Wednesday's Senate Judiciary Committee session, Barr said he had been surprised Mueller did not reach a conclusion on whether Trump had tried to obstruct justice, and that he had felt compelled to step in with his own judgment that the president had committed no crime.

"I'm not really sure of his reasoning," Barr said of Mueller's



Attorney General William Barr appears at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, May 1, 2019, on the Mueller Report.

Associated Press

ler's obstruction analysis, which neither accused the president of a crime nor exonerated him. If Mueller felt that shouldn't make a decision on whether to bring charges, Barr added, "then he shouldn't have investigated. That was the time to pull up."

Barr was also perturbed by a private letter Mueller, a longtime friend, sent him last month complaining that the attorney general had not properly portrayed the special counsel's findings in a four-page letter summarizing the report's main conclusions. The attorney general called the note "a bit snitty."

"I said 'Bob, what's with the letter? Just pick up the phone and call me if there is an issue,'" Barr said.

The airing of disagreements was all the more striking since the Justice Department leadership and Mueller's team had appeared unified in approach for most of the two-year investigation into potential coordination between the

Trump campaign and Russia during the 2016 election.

The revelation that Mueller, who'd been publicly silent for the entire investigation, was agitated enough to send a letter to Barr — which could, and did, become public — lent his words extra credibility with Democrats, who accused Barr of lying under oath last month when he denied that Mueller's team was unhappy with how their work had been characterized. Barr downplayed the special counsel's complaints, saying they were mostly about process, not substance, while raising a few objections of his own in the other direction. He said that Mueller did not, as requested, identify grand jury material in his report when he submitted it, slowing the public release of the report as the Justice Department worked to black out sensitive information.

"His concern was he wanted more out," Barr said. He said Mueller did not say

that Barr had inaccurately characterized the investigation.

Barr also insisted that once Mueller submitted his report, his work was done and the document became "my baby."

"It was my decision how and when to make it public," Barr said. "Not Bob Mueller's."

Wednesday's contentious Senate hearing gave Barr his most extensive opportunity to date to defend recent Justice Department actions, including a press conference before the report's release and his decision to release a brief summary letter two days after getting the report.

But the hearing, which included three Democratic presidential candidates, also laid bare the partisan divide over the handling of Mueller's report.

Some Republicans, in addition to defending Trump, focused on the president's 2016 Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton's email and campaign practices

and what they argued has been a lack of investigation of them.

Televisions across the West Wing, including one just off the Oval Office used by the president, were tuned to cable coverage of Barr's testimony. Trump told advisers he was pleased with Barr's combative stance with Democratic senators, according to an administration official and a Republican close to the White House who were not authorized to speak publicly about private discussions.

Trump tweeted Wednesday that the probe was "The greatest con-job in the history of American Politics!" He has told those around him that, after being disappointed by former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, he has found an attorney general loyal to him. In an interview Wednesday night on Fox Business Network, Trump said he heard Barr "performed incredibly well." Trump also blasted some of the Democratic senators who questioned Barr, accusing them of "ranting and raving like lunatics, frankly."

Though Mueller reached no conclusion on obstruction, he did report that his probe established no criminal conspiracy between the Trump team and Russia. Barr asserted that Trump was "falsely accused" during the investigation and that the president therefore lacked the criminal intent required to commit obstruction.

"I didn't exonerate. I said that we did not believe that there was sufficient evidence to establish an obstruction offense which is the job of the Justice Department, and the job of the Justice Department is now over," Barr said. □

# Energy Department says it will remove plutonium from Nevada

By SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry is pledging to expedite the removal of weapons-grade plutonium secretly hauled to Nevada last year as the state and Trump administration remain locked in a court battle about whether the shipment was legal. The Energy Department intends to start removing the highly radioactive material in 2021 and finish by the end of 2026, Perry said in an April 24 letter to U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, a Nevada Democrat.

He also assured her in the letter released Tuesday that his department won't ship any more plutonium from South Carolina to the Nevada Nuclear Security Site north of Las Vegas.

As a result, Cortez Masto said she would drop all Senate holds she had placed on pending nominations to fill vacancies in the Energy Department.

The agency already said in court filings earlier this year that it wouldn't ship any more plutonium from South Carolina to Nevada,



In this Nov. 20, 2013 file photo, radioactive waste, sealed in large stainless steel canisters, is stored under five feet of concrete in a storage building at the Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C.

Associated Press

but the senator said she wanted Perry's assurances in writing.

Nevada still is seeking a formal court order preventing any shipments because it says the agency's track record shows it cannot be trusted. It also has a related case before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

A federal judge in South Carolina has ordered the

U.S. government to remove a metric ton (2,204 pounds) of plutonium from the Savannah River site by Jan. 1, 2020, and haul out an additional 5 metric tons (11,020 pounds) in future years.

Nevada sued in November, accusing the Energy Department of failing to do the necessary environmental reviews before adopting a plan last August to ship

the plutonium to the state.

The department disclosed in January that it already had shipped half a metric ton (1,102 pounds) of the material before Nevada sued but kept it secret for national security reasons.

It says critics in Nevada have incorrectly categorized the material as the kind of nuclear waste that the Trump administration

wants to store at nearby Yucca Mountain.

A U.S. Senate panel planned a hearing Wednesday on proposals to restart the licensing process for Yucca Mountain, which was formally suspended under the Obama administration.

"The one-half metric ton of weapons-grade plutonium that was shipped from South Carolina to Nevada before November 2018 is not nuclear waste; it is material essential for the maintenance of the U.S. weapons stockpile," Perry wrote in the April 24 letter to Cortez Masto.

But he acknowledged concerns from the Nevada congressional delegation and vowed to remove the plutonium and not ship the other half-ton of material from South Carolina.

"Nevadans didn't create this waste and we shouldn't be on the hook for storing it in our state against our will," Cortez Masto said in a statement Tuesday.

She thanked Perry for working with her on the issue but said the state "will have additional fights ahead." □

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# California inches toward 40M people, but growth rate slows

By ADAM BEAM

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— California had its slowest recorded growth rate in its history last year as the country's most populous state was hit by a slowdown in immigration and a sharp decline of births.

Estimates released Wednesday show California had 39.9 million people as of Jan. 1, adding nearly 187,000 people for a growth rate of 0.47% — the lowest since 1900, the earliest records available. And while thousands lost their homes after last year's deadly wildfire in the northern part of the state, initial estimates show most people shuffled to cities closest to the blaze.

California's population has been creeping toward 40 million people, viewed as a milestone for a state that began as a frontier outpost and now boasts the world's fifth largest economy. While the state will surely reach that peak, officials on Wednesday noted the latest estimates should temper expectations for robust growth as births decline, deaths rise and immigration slows.

"We see that as a process of maturity," said Ethan Sharygin, a demographer with the California Department of Finance.



In this Nov. 15, 2016, file photo morning rush hour traffic moves along the southbound lanes along US 101 near downtown Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Despite the slowdown, California remains by far the country's most populous state. Texas at No. 2 is still shy of 30 million people.

The Northern California city of Chico added more than 19,000 people for a whopping 20% increase to more than 112,000. But that was prompted by tragedy, as the nearby town of Paradise lost 83% of its population after the most destructive wildfire in state history.

"In a single word, it's been overwhelming," said Mark Orme, Chico's city manager, of the overnight popula-

tion growth.

The college town, home to California State University-Chico, has been affected broadly, including increases in toilet flushes and volume of trash. Orme also said traffic collisions are up 24%. Traffic is up about 25% on average and is as high as 77% in some places, he said.

Doriane Regalia, a real estate agent with Century 21 in Chico, said all her clients lost their homes in the fire. She said for some, the idea of going back to the town is too overwhelming. "There

is a lot of PTSD in people who lost everything," Regalia said.

The fire destroyed more than 14,600 housing units. But Sharygin said most of those people stayed in California. Only about 400 left the state, according to initial estimates.

"People were just reacting immediately to the loss of a home and finding a short-term solution," he said. "I don't think we can make any claims right now about what happens in the first quarter of this year."

State officials said Wednes-

day they expected the state's birth rate to decline, but they were surprised by how much: More than 18,000 fewer births than the previous year. Tina Daley, chief of California's Demographic Research Unit, noted teen pregnancy rates are declining and, in general, people are waiting longer to have children. What has surprised them, Sharygin said, is that fewer people are coming to California from other countries, especially neighboring Mexico, where birth rates are higher. Now, he said, more people are coming from places like China, where birth rates are lower. The new population estimates come as the state is preparing for the 2020 national census, an important head count used to distribute federal tax dollars and decide congressional representation. State officials are concerned many Hispanics won't be counted if the Trump administration succeeds in placing a citizenship question on the census form.

State officials expect California to continue to grow, predicting the state's population could top 50 million by 2055. By 2051, officials project the state will join Japan and other European countries by having more deaths than births. □

# Florida lawmakers pass bill allowing more armed teachers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)

— More Florida classroom teachers could carry guns in school under a bill passed Wednesday by state lawmakers, the latest response to last year's mass shooting at a Parkland high school. The Republican-led House voted 65-47 on Wednesday to send the bill to GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is expected to sign it. The measure expands an existing school "guardian" program to allow any teacher to volunteer to carry a weapon if their local school district approves.

"It allows the good guys to stop the bad. The bad guys will never know when the good guys are there to

shoot back," said Republican Rep. Chuck Brannan of Lake City, a retired law enforcement officer. "The guardian is the last line of defense. He or she will be there when a police officer is not."

Teachers who want to carry guns in districts that choose to join the program would have to undergo police-style training, psychiatric evaluation and drug screening. Under a law passed last year immediately after the Parkland shooting, only teachers who also have another role, such as sports coach, are eligible to carry weapons on campus.

The bill comes after 17 peo-

ple were killed by a rifle-toting shooter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February 2018. Nikolas Cruz, 20, faces the death penalty if convicted of those slayings.

Yet new Broward County Sheriff Gregory Tony, who was appointed by DeSantis after the suspension of former Sheriff Scott Israel in the aftermath of the Parkland shooting, said in a letter Wednesday to the local school board and superintendent that he opposes arming teachers in schools. "This program would place students, teachers, and first responders at risk, when our focus should be on keeping our children safe and mak-

ing schools places where students feel they belong," Tony wrote. "Teachers enter that profession to educate children, not to serve as school security."

Most Democrats voted against the bill, contending that introducing more weapons into schools would place children at risk, raise the dangers of mistaken shootings and even lead to more violence against African American students because of inherent biases. Several mentioned an incident Tuesday in Pasco County along Florida's west coast in which a police officer assigned to a middle school had his gun discharge in a cafeteria. No

one was hurt. "We see accidents happen every day," said Rep. Susan Valdes, a Tampa Democrat. "This is not the answer. Don't put more guns in our schools." The bill was strongly opposed by teachers unions, and school boards in some of Florida's most counties have voted against joining the guardian program, preferring instead to leave the security job to trained police officers. But the bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Jennifer Sullivan of Eustis, said it was the best opportunity to protect schoolchildren from future shooters — and noted it was purely voluntary for teachers to become armed guardians. □

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## Conviction for Minneapolis cop prompts questions about race

By AMY FORLITI  
Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — It's believed to be the first time a Minnesota police officer has been convicted of murder for an on-duty shooting.

With no video of Mohamed Noor shooting Justine Ruszczyk Damond and conflicting testimony about the moments leading up to her death, some activists and community leaders have said race was a factor in this case from the start. The victim was white; the officer is black.

From the moment Minneapolis' top prosecutor charged Noor, he's been fighting the perception that race played a role in his decision. He's rejected that, but some say bias can be an underlying issue, even for those who believe they are acting in good faith.

"We can't deny that there is implicit racial bias in our society at large," said Mark Osler, a law professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. "Sometimes that enters into the decisions that prosecutors make. Sometimes that's going to enter into the decision that jurors make. The hard part is trying to figure out when that is true."

Noor, 33, was convicted Tuesday of third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the July 2017 death of Damond, a 40-year-old dual citizen of the U.S. and Australia who was unarmed when she approached Noor's squad car after calling 911 to report a possible sexual assault in the alley behind her home. He was

acquitted of second-degree intentional murder but still faces the prospect of years in prison.

Noor testified that he and his partner heard a loud bang on their squad car that startled them, and that he fired "to stop the threat" after he saw his partner's terrified reaction and a woman appear at his partner's window raising her arm. His partner testified that he hadn't yet assessed whether there was a threat himself. Prosecutors noted that Noor hadn't even determined whether Damond had a weapon before firing.

When Noor testified, he spoke of his early years in Somalia and time in a refugee camp before immigrating to the U.S. He also spoke of not being accepted when he first came to Minnesota. At times, prosecutors referred to Damond as a blond woman in a pink T-shirt, something that Osler said called attention to her race.

Minnesota's welcoming refugee programs have made the state a magnet for Somalis fleeing civil war, including families like Noor's, and Minnesota is home to the nation's largest population of Somali immigrants. Noor's hiring in 2015 was celebrated by Minneapolis leaders eager to diversify the police force in a city that is 64% white.

Rep. Ilhan Omar — a Somali American who is also from Minneapolis — tweeted Wednesday that Noor's guilty verdict was "an important step towards justice and a victory for all who oppose police brutality."

"It cannot be lost, however,



Former Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor walks through the skyway with his attorney Thomas Plunkett, right, on the way to court for the verdict Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Associated Press

that it comes in the wake of acquittals for officers who took the lives of people of color, both in Minnesota and nationwide," Omar added. "We must have the same level of accountability and justice in all officer-involved killings and address violence-based training for police officers." The Minnesota-based Somali American Police Association issued a statement saying it believes institutional prejudice "heavily influenced" Noor's conviction and that Freeman had "other motives" when he charged Noor.

"Unfortunately it's a system that seems to work for certain people and not for everybody. And it's something we need to live with," said Waheid Siraach, a spokesman for the association.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman rejected the idea that race played a role.

"We look at each case based on the facts and the evidence and the law that's in front of us. And I will stand by what we have done," he told reporters immediately after Tuesday's verdict.

When asked how Noor's case was different from fatal police shootings in which Freeman did not file charges, he said: "The evidence showed that the officer acted unreasonably." Police officers in the U.S. are rarely charged in on-duty shootings, much less convicted. A database published by the Washington Post shows that since the start of 2015, U.S. police officers have shot and

killed between 900 to 1,000 people each year.

Since 2005, only 101 non-federal officers have been charged with murder or manslaughter in an on-duty shooting, according to data compiled by Philip Stinson, a criminologist at Bowling Green State University. Some of those prosecutions are pending, but to date, only 36 officers have been convicted — often for lesser offenses.

In Minnesota, only one other officer has been charged in a fatal shooting in recent history. Jeronimo Yanez, a suburban Latino officer, was acquitted of manslaughter in the 2016 death of black motorist Philando Castile.

Jurors in Noor's case were questioned about their views toward Somalis before being selected. Half of the 12 jurors were people of color, including immigrants. One juror who spoke to KARE-TV on the condition that his name not be published said he respects the Somali community and Noor seemed like a good guy and a good police officer.

"But we determined he committed a crime. And in the end, no one is above the law," the juror said, adding: "It was two seconds time, he made a bad mistake, and even if you have a split-second decision, you're still responsible for the decisions you make." Noor, who was fired from the police force after being charged, is scheduled to be sentenced June 7. His attorneys have not commented on the verdict and have not said whether they will appeal. □

# May Day 2019: Workers demand higher wages, rights, respect

By **FRANK JORDANS**  
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Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — Higher salaries, better working conditions, maternity leave, minimum wage and an end to discrimination against temporary or foreign workers: These were among the concerns as hundreds of thousands of union members and labor activists rallied around the world to mark May Day.

The tradition of May Day marches for workers' rights began in the United States in the 1880s. It quickly spread to other countries at a time when industrialization pitted poorly paid employees who had few protections and little power against increasingly dominant factory employers and landowners.

Over the decades, the May Day protests have also become an opportunity to air general economic grievances or political demands. Here's a look at Wednesday's protests:

## PROTESTS OVER HIGH SPEED TRAIN IN ITALY

Two protesters and a police officer were injured in the Italian city of Turin when police blocked a demonstration against the construction of a high-speed rail line between France and Italy, according to ANSA, an Italian news agency.

Among the protesters were members of the 5-Star Movement, a populist party that is in Italy's ruling coalition but is opposed to the tunnel. One member, Torino city councilor Damiano Carretto, said on Facebook that he was hit in the head and on the hand by a police truncheon.

The 35.7-mile (57.5-kilometer) long Turin-Lyon High-Speed Train tunnel link, known in Italy as TAV, is a key part of an EU project linking southern Spain with eastern Europe. But the 5-Star Movement has long opposed the project.

## RUSSIAN WORKERS MARCH AT RED SQUARE

Authorities in Russia said about 100,000 people took part in a May Day rally in



Demonstrators confront police officers as scuffles broke out during a May Day rally in Turin, Italy, Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

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central Moscow organized by Kremlin-friendly trade unions on Red Square. Opposition activists said more than 100 people were detained in several cities, including for participating in unsanctioned political protests.

In St. Petersburg, police arrested over 60 supporters of opposition leader Alexei Navalny. Some of them carried signs saying "Putin is not immortal," in reference to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has been at the helm since 2000. Police manhandled dozens of protesters in Russia's second-largest city, including lawmaker Maxim Reznik, who was later released. Reznik told the Dozhd TV station that police detained almost everyone in his protest group but gave no reason for the arrests.

## VIOLENT RADICALS DISRUPT MAY DAY IN FRANCE

French police clashed with stone-throwing protesters who set fires and smashed up vehicles as thousands of people gathered for May Day rallies under tight security. About 165 arrests were made.

Police repeatedly used tear gas to try to control the crowd gathering near Paris' Montparnasse train station for the main protest. Some protesters were injured.

Associated Press reporters saw groups of hooded, black-clad people shouting anti-police slogans, mixing with other protesters wearing yellow vests or waving union flags. France's interior minister warned earlier that "radical activists" could join the protests in Paris and elsewhere, and deployed 7,400 police to counter them.

## DETENTIONS AT TURKEY'S MAY DAY RALLIES

Turkish police detained May Day demonstrators trying to march toward Istanbul's main square, which has been declared off-limits by authorities, who cited security concerns.

Still, small groups chanting "May Day is Taksim and it cannot be banned," attempted to break the blockade, with dozens reportedly detained. Taksim Square has held symbolic value for Turkey's labor movement since 34 people were killed there during a May Day rally in 1977 when shots were fired into the crowd from a nearby building.

## GERMAN UNIONS DENOUNCE NATIONALISM

Germany's biggest trade union urged voters to participate in this month's European Parliament election and reject nationalism and

right-wing populism.

The DGB, a confederation of unions with almost 6 million members, warned that the political and economic turmoil in Britain following its vote to leave the European Union nationalism "shows what happens if those who stoke fear but have no plan for the future gain the upper hand."

## CLASHES IN SWEDEN, DENMARK

Protesters threw cobblestones and fireworks at police, included mounted officers, who were trying to keep them away from a neo-Nazi rally in Goteborg, Sweden's second largest city.

In neighboring Denmark, helmeted police circled their vans around hooded people in black shouting anti-police slogans to keep them away from other May Day demonstrations in Copenhagen, the capital.

A handful people were detained in both countries.

## SRI LANKA CALLS OFF MAY DAY RALLIES

In Sri Lanka, major political parties called off the traditional May Day rallies due to security concerns following the Easter bombings, which killed 253 people and were claimed by militants linked to the Islamic State group.

## KOREANS DEMAND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS

Wearing headbands and swinging their fists, protesters in South Korea's capital of Seoul rallied near City Hall, marching under banners denouncing deteriorating working conditions and demanding equal treatment and pay for temporary workers. A major South Korean umbrella trade union also issued a joint statement with a North Korean workers' organization calling for the Koreas to push ahead with joint economic projects, despite lack of progress in nuclear negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang.

## MAY DAY PARALYZES TRANSPORT IN GREECE

Union rallies in Greece paralyzed national rail, island ferry and other transport services. Hundreds of people gathered in central Athens on Wednesday for three separate marches to parliament organized by rival unions and left-wing groups.

## SPANISH WORKERS PRESS NEW GOVERNMENT

Spain's workers marched in its major cities to make their voices heard days before acting Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez starts negotiating with other parties to form a new government. Leading labor unions are pressing Sánchez to roll back business-friendly labor and fiscal reforms that have remained in place since the conservatives were in charge.

## GARMENT WORKERS SEEK MATERNITY LEAVE

In Bangladesh, hundreds of garment workers and members of labor organizations rallied in Dhaka, the capital, to demand better working conditions and higher wages. Nazma Akter, president of one of Bangladesh's largest unions, said female garment workers were also demanding six months of maternity leave and protection against sexual abuse and violence in the workplace. □



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## UK's May seeks Brexit deal 'soon' as delayed exit costs rise

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Prime Minister Theresa May said Wednesday that she remains hopeful of ending Britain's Brexit uncertainty "as soon as possible" by reaching agreement with the political opposition on terms for leaving the European Union.

May's Conservative government struck a divorce deal with the EU late last year, but Britain's Parliament has rejected it three times. May has failed to persuade many Brexit-backing lawmakers from her own Conservative Party to support an agreement that they think keeps Brit-



In this grab taken from video, Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May speaks during Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons, London, Wednesday May 1, 2019.

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ain too tightly bound to the bloc's rules.

The government has held several weeks of talks with the opposition Labour Party

about reaching a compromise, but the meetings have not produced a breakthrough.

"We know that we need to

end this uncertainty and do it as soon as possible and I hope a deal can be done," May told a committee of lawmakers. "We certainly approach this with an open mind."

But, she added: "We haven't yet determined whether there is a landing zone that is going to be possible."

The Conservatives and Labour remain divided over how close an economic relationship to seek with the EU after Brexit.

Labour insists the U.K. should remain in a customs union with the bloc to avoid barriers to trade. The government rejects the idea, arguing that accepting EU

tariff rules would prevent Britain striking new trade deals around the world.

May said that if an agreement couldn't be reached soon, the House of Commons would get to vote on a variety of Brexit options.

"We stand ready to abide by that decision if the opposition are willing to do so," May said.

Britain voted in June 2016 to leave the EU. But its departure has been postponed from its originally scheduled date of March 29 until Oct. 31 amid political gridlock in London over the withdrawal terms.

The delayed departure has already caused economic uncertainty. □

## UN envoy optimistic of Syria constitution committee soon

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — The U.N. special envoy for Syria said Tuesday that he is "optimistic" an agreement can be reached on the long-sought formation of a committee to draft a new constitution for the war-torn country so it can meet this summer.

Geir Pedersen told reporters after briefing the Security Council that he based his optimism on the "intensive" and "very good" dialogue he has had with the Syrian government and opposition — as well as "tangible progress," including on the committee's rules of procedure and composition.

He told the council that six names on the disputed 50-member civil society

list need to be removed, and he believes an agreement can be reached with "goodwill" and "just a little" compromise.

Pedersen said convening the constitutional committee "could be a first sign of real movement" and "help unlock a broader political process — towards U.N.-supervised elections" and hopefully ending the eight-year civil war.

The more than yearlong effort to form a 150-member constitutional committee has been dogged by objections from Syria's government over the 50-member list representing experts, independents, tribal leaders and women. There is already agreement on 50-member lists from the government and the op-

position. Pedersen said another priority is the need to speed up and expand the release of detainees and abductees and to clarify the fate of thousands of missing persons. He said the government and opposition "should move away from the one-for-one exchange framework" and scale-up releases.

"Meaningful progress on this key humanitarian file would send a positive signal to Syrians," he said. "It would be an important confidence-building measure."

He also said that while any political settlement must be Syrian-owned and Syrian-led, the conflict is "highly internationalized" and its outcome "must enjoy international support and legitimacy."



United Nations Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen gestures as he speaks to the media following a U.N. Security Council meeting on Syria at U.N. headquarters, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in New York.

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Pedersen said he wants to use agreement on a constitutional committee "to see revitalized broad-based in-

ternational cooperation." He said "a common forum" to support political progress must be found. □

# Anti-Semitic attacks spike, killing most Jews in decades

By ARON HELLER

**TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)** — Israeli researchers reported Wednesday that violent attacks against Jews spiked significantly last year, with the largest reported number of Jews killed in anti-Semitic acts in decades, leading to an "increasing sense of emergency" among Jewish communities worldwide.

Capped by the deadly shooting that killed 11 worshippers at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue on Oct. 27, assaults targeting Jews rose 13% in 2018, according to Tel Aviv University researchers. They recorded nearly 400 cases worldwide, with more than a quarter of the major violent cases taking place in the United States. But the spike was most dramatic in western Europe, where Jews have faced even greater danger and threats. In Germany, for instance, there was a 70% increase in anti-Semitic violence.

"There is an increasing sense



In this Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 file photo, a menorah is installed outside the Tree of Life Synagogue in preparation for a celebration service at sundown on the first night of Hanukkah, in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

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of emergency among Jews in many countries around the world," said Moshe Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, an umbrella group representing Jewish communities

across the continent. "It is now clear that anti-Semitism is no longer limited to the far-left, far-right and radical Islamist's triangle — it has become mainstream and often accepted by

civil society," he said. Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry releases its report every year on the eve of Israel's Holocaust Remem-

brance Day, which begins Wednesday at sundown. This year, the report comes just days after another fatal shooting attack Saturday against a synagogue in southern California. The attack on the Chabad of Poway synagogue on the last day of Passover killed one woman and wounded three other people, including the rabbi.

In addition to the shooting attacks, assaults and vandalism, Kantor also noted the increased anti-Semitic vitriol online and in newspapers, including a recent anti-Semitic cartoon that appeared in The New York Times' international edition. It depicted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a dog wearing a Star of David collar and leading a blind and skullcap-wearing President Donald Trump. The Times has since apologized, calling the image "offensive," and vowing to refrain from publishing such bigoted cartoons again. □

# Sudanese threaten general strike in standoff with military

Associated Press

**KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)** — The organizers of Sudan's protests on Tuesday threatened a general strike and civil disobedience as tensions escalated with the military council that assumed power after the overthrow of President Omar al-Bashir. The Sudanese Professionals Association and its allies, which organized the four months of demonstrations that drove al-Bashir from office on April 11, accuse the generals of clinging to power.

The two sides have been negotiating the formation of a new transitional government but are divided over the role of the military, which is dominated by al-Bashir appointees. The protesters have proposed a joint military-civilian sovereign council, comprised of eight civilian and seven military members. The military council proposed a 10-member council with three seats for



A protester holds a placard at a sit-in at the Armed Forces Square, in Khartoum, Sudan, Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

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civilians. Forces of the Declaration for Freedom and Change, a coalition of groups led by the SPA, said they have submitted their full proposal

for the sovereign council, a cabinet and a legislative body that would rule the country during a four-year transition. The organizers have called

for mass rallies on Thursday, while the military has warned against any further "chaos." The generals have demanded the protesters clear roadblocks around

their sit-in outside the military's headquarters in the capital, Khartoum.

The protesters began massing outside the military complex on April 6, demanding that the military back their struggle to oust al-Bashir. Five days later, the generals removed him from office, ending his three-decade rule and later jailing him and other top officials.

The African Union initially echoed the protesters' calls for a swift transition to civilian rule, giving the military 15 days to hand over power in line with the regional bloc's policy of "zero tolerance" for military coups. But late Tuesday, the African Union gave the military an extension of 60 days to hand over power, noting with "deep regret" that the generals had missed the earlier deadline. "This final extension is granted to enable the putting in place of a civilian-led Transitional Authority," the AU said. □



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# On 1st day as Japan's emperor, Naruhito vows to pursue peace

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Emperor Naruhito inherited the sacred sword and jewel that signaled his succession and pledged in his first public address Wednesday to follow his father's example by devoting himself to peace and sharing the people's joys and sorrows.

Naruhito, the first modern emperor to have studied abroad and the first born after Japan's defeat in World War II, formally acceded to the Chrysanthemum Throne at midnight after his father Akihito abdicated Tuesday.

"When I think about the important responsibility I have assumed, I am filled with a sense of solemnity," Naruhito said in his address.

While noting his father's devotion to praying for peace, Naruhito said he'll "reflect deeply" on the path trodden by Akihito and past emperors. He promised to abide by the constitution that stripped emperors of political power, and to fulfill his responsibility as a national symbol while "always turning my thoughts to the people and standing with them."

"I sincerely pray for the happiness of the people and the further development of the nation as well as the peace of the world," he said.

Naruhito is considered a new breed of royal, his outlook forged by the tradition-defying choices of his parents. Emperor Emeritus Akihito devoted his three-decade career to making amends for a war fought in his father's name while bringing the aloof monarchy closer to the people.

Naruhito's mother, Michiko, was born a commoner and was Catholic educated. Together, they reached out



Japan's new Emperor Naruhito, accompanied by new Empress Masako, makes his first address during a ritual after succeeding his father Akihito at Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Associated Press

to the people, especially those who faced disability, discrimination and natural disasters.

Naruhito was presented with the imperial sword and jewel, each in a box and wrapped in cloth, at a morning ceremony that marked his first official duty. His wife and daughter, Empress Masako and 17-year-old Princess Aiko, were barred from the ceremony, which only adult male royals — his brother, now Crown Prince Fumihito, and his uncle Prince Hitachi — were allowed to witness. Their guests included a female Cabinet minister, however, as the Imperial House Law has no provision on the gender of commoners in attendance.

The banning of female royals at the ceremony underscored the uncertain future of a paternalistic imperial family that now has just two heirs.

Nevertheless, Japan festively celebrated an imperial succession prompted by retirement rather than

death. Many people stood outside the palace Tuesday to reminisce about Akihito's era; others joined midnight events when the transition occurred, and more came to celebrate the beginning of Naruhito's reign.

Dozens of couples lined up at government offices to submit marriage documents to mark the first day of Naruhito's era, known as Reiwa, or "beautiful harmony."

Natsumi Nishimura, a 27-year-old saleswoman, and Keigo Mori, a 32-year-old government worker, were at a Tokyo office on Wednesday, saying they decided to tie the knot at the start of a new era to mark their new life together.

"Opportunities like this don't come by often so we thought it would be a day we won't forget," Nishimura said.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe congratulated Naruhito on his ascension, pledging to create a "bright future" during the new era that is

peaceful and full of hope. Naruhito also received congratulations from abroad. President Donald Trump's message said America and Japan will renew the bonds of friendship in the new era. Chinese President Xi Jinping was quoted by state media as saying China and Japan should work together to promote peace and development and bilateral ties.

From a car window on his way to and from the palace, Naruhito smiled and waved at people cheering on the sidewalk. He and his family will continue living at his Togu Palace until they switch places with his parents after refurbishments. Naruhito, 59, is the nation's 126th emperor, according to a palace count that historians say likely included mythical figures until around the 5th century.

The emperor under Japan's Constitution is a symbol without political power. Wartime militarist governments worshipped the emperor as a living god until

Naruhito's grandfather renounced that status after the country's 1945 war defeat.

Akihito during his three-decade reign embraced an identity as peacemaker and often made reconciliatory missions and carefully scripted expressions of regret on the war. His immersion in that role leaves Naruhito largely free of the burden of the wartime legacy, allowing him to carve his own path.

Palace watchers say he might focus on global issues, including disaster prevention, water conservation and climate change, which could appeal to younger Japanese, while also emulating his father's focus on peace.

That's what many Japanese hope Naruhito will pursue.

"I hope the new emperor will be like the Heisei emperor (Akihito), who cherishes peace," said Takayori Kobayakawa, a 71-year-old retiree from Shizuoka, central Japan. "I have high hopes for him."

Naruhito also faces uncertainties in the imperial household. Crown Prince Fumihito, 53, and Fumihito's 12-year-old son, Prince Hisahito, can currently succeed him. The Imperial House Law confines the succession to male heirs, leaving Naruhito's daughter out of the running.

Naruhito's wife, Empress Masako, is a Harvard-educated former diplomat who may prove an adept partner in his overseas travels and activities. But much will depend on her health, since she has been recovering from what the palace describes as stress-induced depression for about 15 years. He recently said he hopes Masako might slowly expand her role. □

# Venezuelans take to streets as uprising attempt sputters

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelans heeded opposition leader Juan Guaidó's call to fill streets around the nation Wednesday but security forces showed no sign of backing his cry for a widespread military uprising, instead dispersing crowds with tear gas as the political crisis threatened to deepen.

Thousands cheered Guaidó in Caracas as he rolled up his sleeves and called on Venezuelans to remain out in force and prepare for a general strike, a day after his bold attempt to spark a mass military defection by forces loyal to President Nicolas Maduro failed to tilt the balance of power.

"It's totally clear now the usurper has lost," he proclaimed, a declaration belied by events on the ground.

Across town at the Carlota air base near where Guaidó made his plea Tuesday for a revolt, intense clashes between protesters and troops loyal to Maduro made clear the standoff would drag on. There and elsewhere state security forces launched tear gas and fired rubber bullets, while bands of mostly young men armed with makeshift shields threw rocks and set a motorcycle ablaze.

"I don't want to say it was a disaster," Marilina Carillo, 54, said, standing in a crowd of people blowing horns and whistles. "But it wasn't a success."

Opposition leaders hoped that Guaidó's risky move would stir a string of high-ranking defections and shake Maduro's grip on power. Instead, some analysts expect the embattled socialist leader to emerge even more emboldened. While the chief of Venezuela's feared intelligence agency broke ranks, most others stood steadfast.

The dramatic events could spell even more uncertainty for Venezuela, which has been rocked by three months of political upheaval after Guaidó



Opposition leader Juan Guaidó flashes a thumbs up at supporters during a rally in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Associated Press

re-energized a flagging opposition movement by declaring himself interim president, saying Maduro had usurped power.

Now the struggle has heightened geopolitical dimensions, with the United States and more than 50 other nations backing Guaidó as Venezuela's legitimate president and powerful Maduro allies like Russia lending the beleaguered president military and economic support.

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton said Wednesday that Maduro is surrounded by "scorpions in a bottle" and that key figures among his inner circle had been "outed" as dealing with the opposition.

The United States also purports that Maduro had been ready to flee, an airplane already on the tarmac, but was talked out of it by Russian advisers.

Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for Russia's Foreign Ministry, said such assertions were part of a "global information and psychological war against Venezuela and Caracas."

"There is no proof there was a Russian plane there," she said. "The U.S. is big on Venezuela and wants to bring this to an end but that cannot do that."

Protesters like Beatriz Pino, who took to the streets Wednesday waving flags and banging pots and pans, said they weren't en-

tirely surprised by the military's response to Guaidó. She blamed the late Hugo Chavez with politicizing Venezuela's military. Despite the setback, she said she remained equally committed to the opposition's call for protest.

"We can't leave the streets," she said. "We've been in this for years."

As the standoff drags on, the lives of Venezuelans struggling with soaring hyperinflation rendering salaries worthless, as well as shortages of food and medicine could become even more difficult.

"We need to get out of this tragedy," said Ana Camarillo, a 46-year-old housewife. David Smilde, a Venezuela expert, said the opposition's thus far unsuccessful attempt to trigger an uprising should provoke a round of reflection.

"Given the balance of power within Venezuela and the geopolitical struggle around it, they need to engage in real politics and real negotiations to move this conflict to a different place," he said.

Tuesday's turmoil began with the dawn release of the video showing Guaidó flanked by a few dozen national guardsmen and Leopoldo Lopez, the nation's most prominent activist. Detained in 2014 for leading anti-government unrest, Lopez said security forces following Guaidó's

orders released him from house arrest.

However, by late Tuesday Lopez and his family had sought refuge in the Chilean ambassador's residence and later moved to the Spanish Embassy.

Amid the unrest, Maduro's military commanders went on state television to proclaim their loyalty. But Bolton claimed that key power brokers, including Venezuela's defense minister, the chief justice of the pro-government Supreme Court and head of the presidential guard had committed to achieve the peaceful transfer of power to Guaidó.

Yet none of those defections materialized, with just one high-ranking official, the chief of Venezuela's feared SEBIN intelligence agency, breaking ranks.

At a large pro-Maduro rally Wednesday, ruling party leader Diosdado Cabello said that "as a block" Venezuela's military remained intact and united behind Maduro. He likened opposition leaders to "walking zombies" a day after the uprising attempt.

Luis Scott was among those wearing bright red shirts in solidarity with the socialist government and said he traveled seven hours on a bus to participate in the rally. He admitted that Venezuela has deep economic troubles, but said the path set by Chavez and Maduro

is firm.

"We are fighting for our freedom," the 50-year-old fisherman said.

While Maduro maintains a devout core of fervent supporters first inspired by Chavez, attendance at such shows of support is viewed as a requirement of their jobs.

At the Plaza Francia in Caracas' Altamira neighborhood, protesters jammed the streets in one of the opposition's biggest demonstrations yet. But a few blocks away the scene quickly turned ugly. Protesters surrounded a suspected thief, beating him until he bled. A man with a megaphone appealed to the crowd to return to the fight against police.

"The fight is down there!" he said, gesturing to the direction of a military base.

Mayor Gustavo Duque said the Salud Chacao medical center took in 27 patients by late afternoon Wednesday, one of whom was shot in the foot by a firearm. Those injuries are on top of more than 50 reported by the hospital's director during clashes on Tuesday.

Maduro didn't appear at the socialist party rally, but wrote on Twitter that he was monitoring the march. He has remained largely out of public view since Guaidó's attempt to spark a mass defection. Late Tuesday night, he emerged on state television surrounded by his closest advisers and blasted Guaidó's move as a U.S.-backed coup attempt. "This cannot go unpunished," he said.

The brazen move by Guaidó is likely to force Maduro to make a difficult decision on whether to let his adversary remain a free man. Giancarlo Morelli of the British analysis group Economist Intelligence Unit said Maduro faces peril whatever path he takes.

"Failing to arrest Mr. Guaidó would be perceived as an important sign for weakness from Mr. Maduro," Morelli said. "But arresting Mr. Guaidó risks a strong counter-reaction from the U.S.," which has been ratcheting up sanctions. □

## LOCAL



## Walk the Perfect Mall

ORANJESTAD — Aruba is hot in every sense of the word, but not just in temperature. When the sun is at its highest, I prefer to beat the heat and escape to a comfy environment. The beach is a great option, but I have a need to shop, have a coffee, walk around, stop, try on that cute hat or buy these awesome shoes. After all of that, I crave for a cool glass of wine and a light snack just before I meet my friend for dinner. Yes, the perfect day! Imagine doing all of this, all at one place.

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The second reason Quora states: recreation and comfort. Well, Renaissance Mall is covered, cool, offers clean public restrooms, is housed in an elegant building with a classy interior and invites guest to play a round at the casino upstairs. Besides that, you're in midtown, the heart of Oranjestad.

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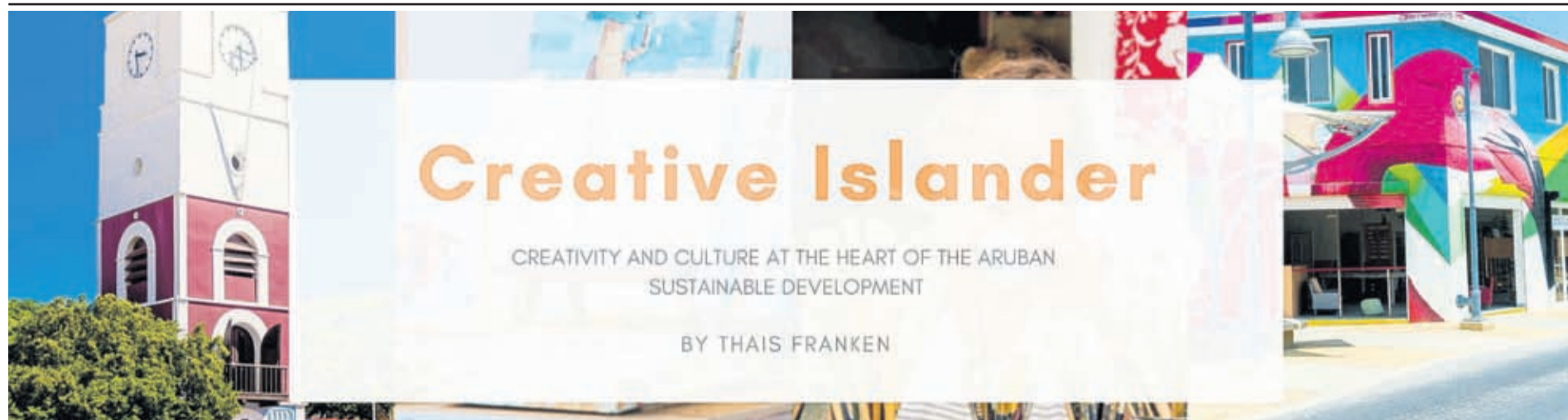
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## Using Music to Shift the Narrative in our Community “A best practice case of the Leerorkest in the Netherlands”

Maastricht – Last Monday April 29th, dr. Armando Rudy Lampe, Minister Education, Science and Sustainable Development was visited by Mr. Marco de Souza, who is the founder and current director of the “Leerorkest” (learning orchestra) project in Amsterdam. This project allows for approximately 3000 children in the Netherlands to receive music education at 18 different elementary schools. Each school has their own orchestra, which aim to provide safe learning environment for children. Our neighbor island Curaçao has already been executing this project and it has been a success thus far.

The dialogue has initiated in Aruba to possibly consider this project as a tool to provide more opportunities for our children. Music has a tremendous way of uniting people together, whether it be in sad or more joyous moments. The main question remains; how can Aruba use elements of the Creative Industries in providing positive socio-economic and cultural development? Especially for our children.

It has not been a secret that Aruba has been experiencing challenges regarding the social welfare of children within and outside of the school system. Generally high abuse rates, teen pregnancy, school drop outs, high youth unemployment, challenges with the Dutch educational system for local students have all been considered areas for discussion and evaluation. In my research, back in 2018, it was clear that the participants indicated that children in the Aruban school system are generally not equally given the opportunity of being exposed to cultural development, art, music, dance and other forms of creative outlets.

These social challenges are also experienced in the Dutch community and as a more culture-oriented society, the Netherlands, especially Amsterdam has been successful in using music education to prevent these social challenges to escalate. The Leerorkest is initially an initiative of the Minister of Justice of the Netherlands with the aim to reduce crime and the involvement of children and the youth in these activities. It is essentially a new method of music education where children get the opportunity during school hours to learn to play an instrument. The pilot for the very first Leerorkest for primary school children started in 2005 in Amsterdam Zuid Oost (De Bijlmer). Until recently, the city of Bijlmermeer has struggled to draw in many middle-class families. The neighborhood once had a relatively high crime rate, but this has decreased dramatically in recent years, but continuous to struggle with socio-economic difficulties, since migration has kept up in the Netherlands. The area has always been home to many different nationalities simultaneously. Throughout the years, claims of rising social segregation or ghettoization have been both denied and pre-empted by local government. However, in a more positive light, this project has proven that children who are part of the program are happier and this proves to be a positive achievement for Amsterdam in attempting in reducing criminality in impoverished neighborhoods. Thus, the Leerorkest program has proven to have tremendous educational, cultural, social and judicial preventive value for the Dutch community.

Marco de Souza, whose original idea it was and who is now the director, explains: “We think that the arts are for everyone. But music



education is often organized in a way that is expensive and inaccessible. We want to make the barriers to music education much lower, so that children who are less privileged have the same chances to make music and to have a musical instrument which they can practice at home”. The ideology behind this project is that children can grow through music, that all children have talent, that it provides equality, and that it serves as a connective tool between children and the society.

According to the Leerorkest, music has a lot to offer children. It is not just a lot of fun, it has been proven that it is good for their cognitive, social and emotional development. Producing music makes children smarter, happier and more social beings in a multi-cultural society. Music requires concentration, discipline, perseverance, teamwork, responsibility and are all essential abilities for the development of productive citizens for the future. Performing together as a class makes for unforgettable experiences for these children who otherwise would not get the opportunity. In the end, these children feel that they have accomplished something that they can be proud of and serves as a tremendous milestone in the life of a child.

ment means that a child gets the chance to learn to enjoy the arts and culture and to explore what he or she can produce for themselves. Talent development is also an innovation priority for the Aruban government and is part of the 5 innovation spaces indicated in the Isla Innovativo report in 2018. Science indicates that at primary school age children are the most receptive to musical development. Thus, at a young age the seed is sown for the future. In the Leerorkest all the hidden talents are tapped into, whether they are enthusiastic amateurs or music lovers enjoying music, or even future professional musicians.

According to the National Education Plan 2030 (2019) the most populated school level in the Aruban educational school system is the elementary school level. A total of 39.7% of the Aruban students are in the elementary school level for the academic year 2017/2018. Cumulatively, secondary education in Aruba (EPB, MAVO & HAVO/VWO) follows, which equals around 32% of the student population. So, if Aruba ventures in this opportunity, much of the students in Aruba could receive some sort of music education and personal development.

For the Leerorkest, talent develop-

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Another positive effect of the Leerorkest at school is that in the end it connects. Not just connecting students with each other at school but also on a much wider scale with the musical traditions (cultural heritage) of the country. For Aruba, this could be a tremendous initiative for cultural education with the aim of preserving Aruba's cultural heritage. Imagine national competitions or yearly performances by all schools in Aruba.

Imagine the community based support this could offer our children. The Leerorkest intends to give children the chance to be partici-

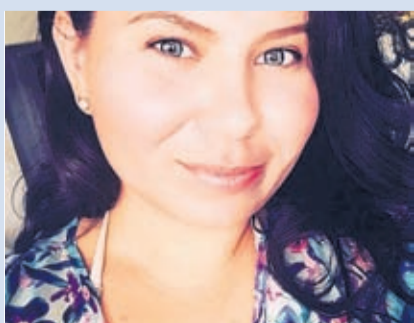


patory players instead of being excluded of a personal enriching experience. Like the government has been preaching; sustainable

development for all, leaving no one behind.

These children will eventually reap

these rewards throughout their whole life. In addition to this, more children making music is good for the whole country. It could encourage more participation in song festivals such as; the Dande festival, Un canto pa nos Himno y Bandera festival, Caiso festival and the Vozi-landia festival. Overall, I hope to see this program become a reality in Aruba. Our children deserve to grow equally in a society that provides them the capacity and support to be creative and to innovate for the future. With a good policy in place and with the allocated funding, Aruba could reap the fruits of a generation capable of thriving and not declining. □



**Biography** – Currently, Thaïs Franken is a 23-year-old Aruban student at the University of Maastricht (UM). She is studying a Master of Science in Public Policy and Human Development in collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU). Back home, on the beautiful island of Aruba she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Organization, Governance & Management (OGM) at the University of Aruba (UA). She successfully graduated and defended her thesis titled “Placing Culture and Creativity at the Heart of the Aruban Sustainable Development” on July 6th 2018. Thaïs is very passionate about topics such as sustainability, innovation, culture and creativity. Next to her academic interests, she enjoys reading, writing, dancing and cooking.

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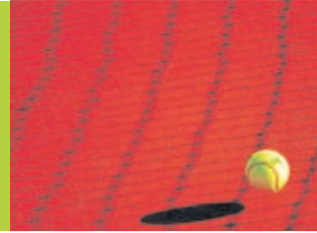
**Marge Wiener from NY! She wrote to us:**

***" Aruba to me is ...Good Times with Good Friends on the beach from far and wide.***

This picture was taken on the beach at the Divi Phoenix where most of us have been coming for over 20 years. It includes myself and my husband Don from New York and friends from Canada, Delaware and Ohio. I am Marge Wiener from NY. I am the one in front on left with the colorful sundress!"



# SPORTS



In this Monday, Oct. 15, 2018 file photo Caster Semenya, the current 800-meter Olympic gold and world champion from South Africa, and the latest recipient of the Wilma Rudolph Courage Award, listens during an interview, in New York.

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## Olympic runner Semenya loses fight over testosterone rules

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

**GENEVA (AP)** — The sports world's highest court ruled Wednesday that Olympic gold medalist Caster Semenya and other female runners like her with unusually high testosterone must take medication to reduce their levels of the male sex hormone if they want to compete in certain events — a landmark decision with far-reaching ramifications for other women's sports.

In a 2-1 ruling, the Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld proposed rules issued by track's governing body, the IAAF, saying that they are discriminatory but that "such discrimination is a necessary, reasonable and proportionate means" of "preserving the integrity of female athletics."

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# Mr. 3000



## Yankees' Sabathia becomes 17th pitcher with 3,000 strikeouts

New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia throws to an Arizona Diamondbacks batter during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Phoenix.

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# Durant leads the way again, Warriors lead Rockets 2-0



Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant (35) is defended by Houston Rockets' Eric Gordon during the first half of Game 2 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Kevin Durant and the Golden State Warriors brought it on both ends, kept their mouths shut and handled business at home against James Harden and the Rockets.

Now, the two-time defending champions are headed to Houston with a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal.

Durant scored 29 points and established an early defensive tone against Harden, leading the Warriors past the Rockets 115-109 on Tuesday night as the focus refreshingly returned to basketball after two days of constant chatter about the officiating.

"Tonight I think it was a great officiated game," Golden State's Draymond Green said. "They let us be

physical, both teams, and they made the calls they needed to make. It was kind of disheartening for a game that I love since I was a child to see the talk over the last two days was nothing about basketball and everything about foul calls. Is that what this game is coming to?"

Harden got hit in both eyes early but was able to return and finished with 29 points and seven rebounds. "I barely could see," said Harden, who was treated with eye drops.

Boos regularly greeted both Harden and Chris Paul at deafening Oracle Arena, where the Rockets complained after a 104-100 Game 1 defeat that the officials missed foul calls when the Warriors closed out on Houston's 3-point

shooters.

Paul celebrated and cheered when Harden drew a foul on Durant in the closing seconds of the third on a very such play. Harden converted three free throws to pull Houston within 82-75 going into the final 12 minutes.

Harden scored seven straight Houston points during one stretch midway through the fourth, including a 3 at 7:25 that go the Rockets within 92-89. Stephen Curry connected for a key 3 at the 6:31 mark on the way to 20 points.

Harden's eyes were still red and bothering him post-game.

"It's pretty blurry right now. Hopefully it gets better day by day," Harden said.

Klay Thompson scored 21 points and hit consecu-

tive 3-pointers late in the third. Green had 15 points, 12 rebounds — three on the offensive end over two possessions in the opening quarter — and seven assists.

Game 3 is Saturday in Houston.

Players on both sides stayed poised with cool heads.

"I felt like both teams, both coaches, just let the refs do their jobs all night," Durant said. "I think the refs did an amazing job, the players did a great job, and the coaches."

Durant set a tone when took an early charge from Harden and blocked one of his shots as Houston committed five quick turnovers that led to 10 points. Andre Iguodala, who also handled much of the load defending Harden, added

16 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Curry dislocated his left middle finger in the first quarter but X-rays were negative and he returned with it taped.

Curry missed his first four 3-point tries before hitting late in the first and played in foul trouble once more. He picked up his fourth with 6:43 in the third on a reach in, something he's been working to stop doing.

Harden injured his eyes with 6:39 left in the first, grabbing at his face after he and Green fought for a loose rebound and Green's left hand got Harden in the face.

When Harden went to the locker room with 6:27 left and a towel over his left eye for a cut, Green patted him on the back and checked to make sure he was OK. Harden returned at the 7:09 mark of the second.

"That's him. I didn't have a doubt he was coming back unless it was something catastrophic," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Both teams were more composed when it came to mouthing off at the referees.

Harden already had a history with official Scott Foster, who worked Tuesday's game. The reigning MVP was fined \$25,000 for calling Foster "rude and arrogant" following a 121-111 loss at the Lakers on Feb. 21 in which Harden fouled out. In Game 1, Paul was automatically ejected with 4.4 seconds left following a second technical and fined \$35,000 by the NBA on Monday for making contact with official Josh Tiven.

D'Antoni emphasized the scrutiny of officials "shouldn't continue."

Durant's run of five straight performances scoring at least 30 points was snapped.

With 201 points over his previous five games, he became the fourth player in NBA history to score 200 or more in such a span — joining LeBron James, Allen Iverson and Michael Jordan. □

# Antetokounmpo powers Bucks past Celtics 123-102 in Game 2

By CHARLES F. GARDNER

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Giannis Antetokounmpo attacked the rim, Khris Middleton connected from long range and Eric Bledsoe turned in an effective performance.

The Milwaukee Bucks looked more like themselves in Game 2.

Antetokounmpo had 29 points and 10 rebounds and Middleton made seven of Milwaukee's franchise playoff-high 20 3-pointers, helping the Bucks even their second-round playoff series against the Boston Celtics with a 123-102 victory Tuesday night.

Antetokounmpo, one of the top candidates for NBA MVP, went 7 for 16 from the floor and 13 of 18 at the foul line. It was an important turnaround for Milwaukee after he had 22 points on 7-for-21 shooting in Game 1 on Sunday.

Middleton finished with 28 points. Bledsoe, who was held to six points in the series opener, finished with 21 points and five assists.

The Bucks led by as many as 31 points after a closely played opening half. Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series is Friday night in Boston.

"I think that's more what we're accustomed to seeing," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "I liked our spirit, our activity, our competitiveness all up and down the roster. Giannis and Khris and Bled really set a tone."

"We need to capture that, take it to Boston with us and play that way up there."

Marcus Morris paced Boston with 17 points. Jaylen Brown had 16, and Al Horford finished with 15.

Kyrie Irving, who had 26 points and 11 assists in the Celtics' 112-90 victory in Game 1, had nine points on 4-of-18 shooting.

"We weren't very good on either end," coach Brad Stevens said.

Milwaukee broke it open by outscoring Boston 39-18 in the third quarter. Antetokounmpo scored 15

points in the period, including a 3-pointer over Horford to give the Bucks an 81-71 lead with 5:33 left.

Antetokounmpo tipped in his own miss and made another 3 to help Milwaukee pull away. The Bucks went on a 24-2 run to carry a 98-73 lead into the fourth.

"I think in Game 1 I didn't do a good job finding my teammates," Antetokounmpo said. "So of course I wanted to be aggressive, but then you've got to make the right plays. At the start of the game tonight, the right play was the pass." Irving credited the Bucks' defensive plan.

"They did a great job of switching tonight and forc-

ing me left," Irving said. "I started the game off well getting downhill and setting an example for my teammates of how we want to play. I just didn't put my stamp on that."

Brook Lopez and George Hill each finished with 10 points for Milwaukee, which went 20 for 47 from beyond the arc. Pat Connaughton grabbed 11 rebounds to help the Bucks to a 54-45 advantage on the glass. Milwaukee switched on screens more often than usual and held Boston to 39.5% shooting (34 of 86).

"That's an easy thing for them to adjust to and I thought they did a very good job of it," Stevens



Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo tries to drive past Boston Celtics' Al Horford during the first half of Game 2 of a second round NBA basketball playoff series Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Milwaukee.

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said. "Basically, Giannis and smaller were doing that and they kept Lopez as a protector. They have a lot of defensive versatility. Ev-

erybody knew Game 1 was not going to repeat itself.

"They did a good job of owning the space on both ends of the court." □

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# Sabathia gets 3000th K, Greinke gets win, D-Backs top Yanks

By The Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — CC Sabathia became the 17th player in major league history and third left-hander to reach 3,000 career strikeouts, but was outpitched by Arizona ace Zack Greinke in the Diamondbacks' 3-1 win over the New York Yankees Tuesday night. Sabathia (1-1) arrived in the desert needing three strikeouts to hit 3,000 and got them all in the third inning.

The milestone whiff came when he got John Ryan Murphy swinging, sending the Yankees pouring out of the dugout.

Sabathia became the first pitcher to reach 3,000 strikeouts since Atlanta's John Smoltz in 2008, and joined Randy Johnson and Steve Carlton as the only lefties to do it.

Wilmer Flores hit a solo homer and a run-scoring single off Sabathia. He allowed two runs and five hits, and struck out five before being lifted with two on and one out in the sixth inning.

Greinke (5-1) won his fifth straight game. He allowed one run in 7 2/3 innings.

## **BREWERS 4, ROCKIES 3**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Jesus Aguilar homered again and Milwaukee broke through late for the victory. Jhoulys Chacin (3-3) pitched six scoreless innings for the Brewers. Milwaukee has won 12 of its last 14 against Colorado, including a sweep in last season's NL Division Series.

The Brewers again played without NL MVP Christian Yelich, who sat out with lower back soreness for the second straight game.

Colorado's German Marquez (3-2) took a perfect game into the sixth before surrendering a leadoff double to Ben Gamel that hit left fielder Raimel Tapia's glove. Gamel later scored. Josh Hader got two outs for his seventh save despite giving up a two-run homer to Ian Desmond in the ninth.

## **METS 4, REDS 3, 10 INNINGS**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rookie Pete Alonso hit a sacrifice fly off Cincinnati closer Raisel Iglesias in the 10th



New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia throws a pitch for his 3,000th career strikeout, during the second inning of the team's baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Phoenix.

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inning, and New York rebounded from a blown ninth-inning lead.

J.D. Davis doubled to left-center to cap a 10-pitch at-bat leading off the 10th against Iglesias (1-4). Jeff McNeil singled sharply to put runners at the corners with his fourth hit of the game.

With the infield in and outfield shallow, Alonso hit a fly to the warning track in right and the Mets avoided dropping below .500 for the first time this year.

Rookie Drew Gagnon (1-0) escaped a two-out jam in the 10th by getting José Iglesias to pop out. Jeury Familia fell one out short of his second regular-season six-out save, allowing two runs in the ninth.

## **DODGERS 10, GIANTS 3**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — David Freese hit a three-run homer and Justin Turner went deep for the first time this season, powering the Dodgers to the victory.

Kiké Hernández also connected, and Walker Buehler (3-0) pitched into the sixth inning to remain unbeaten in six starts.

Dodgers slugger Cody Bellinger singled, walked and scored twice, but was denied in his bid to break the major league record for most home runs before May 1. Bellinger has 14 homers so far this season. He had already set the record for most RBIs before May 1 with 37.

Buster Posey had an RBI double for San Francisco. Drew Pomeranz (1-3) got the loss.

## **INDIANS 7, MARLINS 4**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Carlos González hit a tiebreaking three-run homer, only his second extra-base hit of the season, and Cleveland beat Miami.

Trevor Bauer (4-1) overcame a slow start to pitch seven innings. He allowed four runs and struck out 10. Curtis Granderson hit his fourth homer for the Marlins, who lost their fourth game in a row and have the worst record in the majors.

González's homer off Sandy Alcantara (1-3) broke a 3-3 tie in the third.

Former Marlin Brad Hand completed a five-hitter by pitching a perfect ninth for

his ninth save in as many chances.

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## **TIGERS 3, PHILLIES 1**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Miguel Cabrera had an RBI single and Niko Goodrum added a two-run homer to lift Detroit past Philadelphia. Spencer Turnbull (2-2) pitched six strong innings as the Tigers snapped a four-game skid.

Cabrera moved into a tie for 68th all-time with 2,705 career hits

It was the Tigers' first meeting with the Phillies since 2016 and their first trip to Philadelphia since 2007.

Shane Greene pitched a scoreless ninth for his 12th save in as many chances.

Vince Velasquez (1-1) needed 99 pitches to get through 3 2/3 innings before being lifted. Velasquez gave up three runs and six hits with seven strikeouts and three walks.

## **CARDINALS 3, NATIONALS 2**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Adam Wainwright pitched neatly into the seventh inning, helping himself by kicking the ball over to first for a key out, and St. Louis beat Washington.

Harrison Bader drove in two runs and Kolten Wong had two hits as NL Central-leading St. Louis earned its fourth straight victory. It was the Cardinals' 18th win in April, matching a team record set in 2008.

Wainwright (3-2) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Tyler Webb, John Gant and Andrew Miller combined for 2 2/3 innings of one-hit ball. Miller got two outs for his first save with St. Louis.

Anibal Sanchez (0-4) struck out seven in five innings.

## **PADRES 4, BRAVES 3**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Franmil Reyes homered twice and drove in three runs, Eric Hosmer also went deep and rookie Chris Paddack turned in another impressive start, leading San Diego past Atlanta.

Reyes homered on the 11th pitch of the game, followed by another solo shot in the sixth to break a 2-2 tie. Paddack (2-1) went six innings, surrendering only a two-out, two-run single to Matt Joyce in the second. Julio Teheran (2-4) became the ninth pitcher in Braves' franchise history to start 200 games, but he had no answer for Reyes.

Craig Stammen gave up a run-scoring single to Ronald Acuna Jr. in the eighth, but Kirby Yates worked a scoreless ninth for his major league-leading 14th save in as many chances. □

# Couture scores 3 goals, Sharks beat Avs 4-2 in Game 3

By PAT GRAHAM

**DENVER (AP)** — San Jose center Gustav Nyquist had a couple of special deliveries this week.

On Monday, his wife gave birth to their first child. He rejoined the team Tuesday and assisted on Logan Couture recording his first career playoff hat trick.

"Perfect timing," the beaming new father said.

Couture scored three times, including the go-ahead goal with 7:10 remaining, and the Sharks beat the Colorado Avalanche 4-2 to take a 2-1 lead in their Western Conference semi-final series.

Nyquist flew to Detroit to welcome his daughter, Charlotte, into the world. He returned to the team hours before the game and had two assists.

"It's been an emotional few days but an unbelievable feeling," Nyquist said.

Couture scored the winner when he sent a shot over the shoulder of Avalanche goaltender Philipp Grubauer. His goal was just 65 seconds after Matt Nieto tied the score. Couture sealed it on an empty-net goal with 29.5 seconds remaining. Timo Meier also scored for the Sharks, who improved to 24-16 all-time in Game 3 of a series.

Game 4 is Thursday in Denver.

Martin Jones stopped 25

shots.

Nathan MacKinnon also scored to help the Avalanche rebound from a 2-0 first-period deficit. Grubauer made 27 saves for Colorado, which snapped an eight-game home win streak.

"We worked hard. Maybe the bounces just weren't there," Avalanche captain Gabriel Landeskog said. "In the playoffs you work for your bounces. You create your own luck and create your own chances."

The Avalanche went on the power play with 2:56 left when Couture was called for tripping. Colorado pulled Grubauer for an extra skater, but couldn't take advantage. Couture wrapped it up with an empty-net goal to register the hat trick. It was the sixth playoff hat trick in Sharks franchise history and first since Devin Setoguchi during Game 3 of the 2011 Western Conference semifinals.

"I'd like to lie and say it doesn't mean something," Couture said. "But it was special."

Nieto tied the score when Samuel Girard sent a shot at him. Nieto managed to tip it in while jumping in the air. As the crowd was still buzzing, Couture made a nifty move to score and silence the building. Couture has a playoff-leading nine



San Jose Sharks center Logan Couture celebrates after scoring an empty-net goal against the Colorado Avalanche during the third period of Game 3 of an NHL hockey second-round playoff series Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Denver. The Sharks won 4-2.

goals.

"We haven't won. So I don't care what my numbers get to be," Couture said. "I could go this whole playoffs and have zero points and if we win the Stanley Cup I'll be the happiest guy in this room."

Another thing that would bring a smile to his face? The return of captain Joe Pavelski, who didn't travel with the team after being hurt in the Vegas series.

"He's our leader. We miss him right now," Couture said. "We definitely miss him at times in the game. You're looking around and hoping he's here. We're hoping to play as long as we can so he can come back and play with us."

Down 2-0, Grubauer kept the Avalanche within reach during the second period. He had a shot by Marc-

Edouard Vlasic bounce off his glove and clang off the crossbar. Grubauer later stopped Evander Kane on a breakaway that energized the crowd.

Late in the period and with San Jose on the power play, Brent Burns tried to send a pass up the ice, only to have it intercepted near center-ice by defenseman Ian Cole. He dished it over to the speedy MacKinnon who raced into the zone and beat Jones with a wrist shot.

MacKinnon has at least a point in seven straight post-season games. The last Avalanche player with a point in seven straight was Peter Forsberg in the 2004 post-season.

Colorado once again teamed up a pair of 20-year-old defensemen in Cale Makar and Girard.

The combined age of Makar and Girard is only slightly greater than Sharks forward Joe Thornton, who turns 40 in July.

Couture gave the Sharks the early lead when he fended off Makar down low and knocked in a backhand shot over Grubauer. Toward the end of the first period, Meier took advantage of a turnover by Erik Johnson in the neutral zone to give the Sharks a two-goal lead.

Avalanche coach Jared Bednar wasn't exactly pleased with his team's decision making.

"To me we didn't consistently work for the puck. We didn't talk to the puck. In turn our execution was poor," Bednar said. "We made some bone-head decisions with the puck, too, at times." □

# Cole allows 1 hit in 7 innings, Astros bash Twins 11-0

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Gerrit Cole allowed one hit in seven innings, and Houston backed him with three homers.

Cole (2-4) gave up his only hit in the sixth inning while the Astros broke out offensively to win a meeting of division leaders and snap Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

George Springer, Jake

Marisnick and Alex Bregman went deep for Houston. Cole struck out 11 and walked three, including the first two batters of the game. Josh James and Chris Devenski completed the three-hitter.

**PIRATES 6, RANGERS 4, 11 INNINGS**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Bryan Reynolds led off the 11th inning with his first

career homer and Starling Marte then added a two-run shot as Pittsburgh ended its eight-game losing streak by beating Texas. The Pirates were scoreless until getting three runs in the ninth off closer Jose Leclerc.

Reynolds led off the 11th with a blast off Jesse Chavez (0-1) that landed on the hill in center field. □



Houston Astros pitcher Gerrit Cole gives up a walk to Minnesota Twins' Ehire Adrianza in the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

# After beating cancer, fight isn't too big for Jacobs

By TIM DAHLBERG

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The moment won't be too big for Daniel Jacobs, of that he's certain.

Not after going toe-to-toe with the fearsome Gennady Golovkin before dropping a narrow decision. Not after beating cancer that doctors were sure would end his career, if not his life.

Canelo Alvarez will be just another obstacle in front of him when they meet Saturday night in a middleweight title unification fight. "It's not my first rodeo," Jacobs said. "I don't look forward to being nervous. If anything I'm excited."

A lot of boxing fans are excited, too, about a 160-pound title fight that is the prime attraction in this gambling city on Cinco de Mayo weekend.

On one side is the 28-year-old Mexican champion and one of the top five pound-for-pound fighters in the game. Alvarez ducks nobody, and his own two fights against Golovkin were textbook performances for those studying boxing styles in the future. And then there's Jacobs, the 32-year-old who has conquered the usual obstacles put in the way of any fighter — and then some.



In this March 1, 2019, file photo, WBC and WBA middleweight world champion Canelo Alvarez, second from left, and IBF middleweight world champion Daniel Jacobs, second from right, pose with their title belts during a press conference in Mexico City.

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He was once "The Golden Child," a tough Brooklyn prospect with skills advanced far beyond his age. He became "The Miracle Man" after beating a cancerous tumor in 2011 that damaged his nerves and paralyzed his legs.

It's a story that only boxing could deliver. And it's one Jacobs is happy to let everyone know about.

"I never get tired of telling my story," he said. "I know that there's somebody out in the world who hasn't

heard it, so I share it as much as I can talk about it." Jacobs shared it a little more this week, taking a break from training to look back at the winding path his career has taken since turning pro a dozen years ago.

He talked about being knocked out in Las Vegas nine years ago. He talked about being particularly nervous for a fight he ended up winning with an early knockout.

And he talked about living

on his mother's couch as he tried desperately to beat a rare form of cancer while somehow keeping alive his dream of boxing, too.

"Sleepless nights," Jacobs said. "Times where I used to cry. Times where I used to even doubt if I would walk right again."

The cancer was osteosarcoma, an aggressive form of the disease that caused a tumor to wrap around his spine. Doctors removed it during a six-hour surgery, but not before they told

Jacobs he would probably not walk again, much less fight.

And now he's in a bout that will make him millions of dollars — and could make him one of the most sought-after fighters around.

"I never thought about this opportunity," Jacobs said. "I always just wanted to give back to boxing and see how far I could take it. But I never thought I would fight for a world championship. I mean, this is the greatest opportunity that I could even have, let alone dream about."

The opportunity came about largely because Jacobs put on the performance of his career before dropping a decision to Golovkin in 2017 in a fight that could have gone either way. He helped himself more by winning a piece of the middleweight crown his last time out, a split-decision win over Sergiy Derevyanchenko.

After two close battles of his own with Triple G, Alvarez was looking for a different opponent on what traditionally is a big pay-per-view fight weekend for him in Las Vegas. Instead of pay-per-view, the fight is on DAZN, and Alvarez-Jacobs is being counted on to sell subscriptions to the streaming service. □

## Ruiz Jr. replaces Miller as opponent for Anthony Joshua

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Andy Ruiz Jr. will look to become Mexico's first heavyweight champion after replacing Jarrell Miller as the opponent for unbeaten WBA, IBF and WBO titleholder Anthony Joshua.

Miller was withdrawn from the June 1 fight at Madison Square Garden after doping violations.

The 29-year-old Ruiz Jr., who is based in California, gets his second shot at a world title, having lost on points to then-WBO champion Joseph Parker in December 2016.

That is his only loss in 33 professional fights. His last fight was 10 days ago, when he forced the fifth-round stop-



British boxer Anthony Joshua laughs, prior to a media session at the English Institute of Sport, in Sheffield, England, Wednesday May 1, 2019.

Associated Press

page of Alexander Dimitrenko.

Joshua has a 22-0 record, with 21 knockouts. He

hasn't fought since beating Alexander Povetkin at Wembley Stadium in September, and is boxing for

the first time in the United States.

"Similar styles, big and strong, very good with his punch selection and it's still going to go ahead at MSG on June 1," Joshua said of Ruiz Jr.

"This is the next best shot — who else is there? If anyone could name anyone who was better, then I was all ears. But when we looked at the scope of who was available, this was the next best one."

Ruiz said Joshua's fighting style was "like a robot."

"I think with my style, my speed, my movement, I don't think he's fought anybody like me," Ruiz Jr. said. "When I do pull out this

win, everything is going to change. It's going to mean everything."

Joshua also has called for more stringent regulations for boxers who fail doping tests, saying the "random six-month ban" handed to Miller isn't enough of a deterrent.

"If I carry a weapon of destruction, I'm going to get a certain amount of time in jail, so you know (the consequences of what will happen)," Joshua told Britain's Press Association from his training base in Sheffield, England. "It's like, 'Why did he only get six months?' It should be, 'Miller's definitely getting this.' That's my opinion on it." □

## SEMENYA

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The IAAF argued that high, naturally occurring levels of testosterone in athletes like Semenya with "intersex" characteristics that don't conform to standard definitions of male and female give them an unfair competitive advantage, and it decreed a maximum level for females.

The court decision could open the way for similar rules in other women's sports where size, speed and power make a difference, such as weightlifting, boxing, swimming, rugby, field hockey and soccer.

Semenya — a 28-year-old South African whose sculpted biceps and super-fast, blow-away-the-competition times have led others to question her accomplishments — declared she will not be deterred.

"I know that the IAAF's regulations have always targeted me specifically," Semenya said in a statement. "For a decade the IAAF has tried to slow me down, but this has actually made me stronger. The decision of the CAS will not hold me back. I will once again rise above and continue to inspire young women and athletes in South Africa and around the world."

The two-time Olympic champion in the 800 meters will have to lower her testosterone levels by such means as birth control pills or prostate cancer drugs if she wants to defend her world title in September in

Doha, Qatar. Semenya is expected to race in the 800 on Friday at a track meet in Doha in what will be the last world-class event before the new rules apply.

Testosterone strengthens muscle tone and bone mass. Because of that, it is against the rules for athletes to use testosterone supplements. Some women have what is known as hyperandrogenism, meaning they have natural levels that are unusually high.

The IAAF rules require women to reduce their levels below 5 nanomoles per liter of blood. According to the IAAF, most females, including elite athletes, have levels of testosterone circulating naturally in their bodies of 0.12 to 1.79 nanomoles per liter, while men have levels that can be dozens or even hundreds of times higher — typically 7.7 to 29.4.

Semenya's level is considered private medical information and has not been disclosed.

The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee decried the ruling, saying, "We maintain that the rules are ill-thought and will be a source of distress for the targeted female athletes."

"This decision marks a massive turning point as it now redefines what a female athlete in particular is," said Natalie du Toit, head of the organization's athletes commission, adding: "Knowing Caster and the hard work she has put into

her sport, we support all her endeavors, and we are all behind her."

The IAAF went into the case arguing that female runners with high testosterone have an unfair advantage in events from 400 meters to the mile. However, the court suggested that the IAAF apply the rules only up to the 800 because the evidence was not clear that women with hyperandrogenism have an edge in the 1,500 meters and above.

Under the rule, female athletes whose medical profiles previously showed high testosterone will be subject to blood tests to prove they have complied.

An appeal to Switzerland's Supreme Court is possible. But judges rarely overturn decisions of the world sports court.

Ross Tucker, a sports science consultant who testified on Semenya's behalf and boasts of a Ph.D. in exercise physiology, said the scientific evidence is insufficient to justify the rules. He said that as a result of the court decision, other sports will essentially copy the IAAF's regulations.

"For them, every fear and concern they had that they will be in the spotlight for introducing similar rules will be gone," he said. "Other sports will be super happy because the pressure's off to develop their own regulations."

He said the ruling moves the world of sports closer to developing its own defini-



In this Aug. 13, 2017, file photo, South Africa's Caster Semenya celebrates after winning the gold in the final of the Women's 800m during the World Athletics Championships in London.

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tion of gender, based on hormone levels.

"Sporting sex' has been introduced," he said. "That is where the decision does have far-reaching effects." John Brewer, a professor of applied sports science at the Buckinghamshire New University in Britain who supports the IAAF rule, said such regulations could end up being adopted not just by individual sports but by team sports such as rugby, soccer and field hockey. Hormone-blocking drugs can increase the risk of blood clots, thinning bones, fractures and heart problems.

Semenya was legally recognized at birth as female, but her speed and muscular body have led others to cast doubt on the integrity of her track achievements throughout her career. As a teenager in 2009, she won her first world title in Berlin. Hours before the race, the IAAF asked her to undergo a gender verification test.

She is not the only female athlete with high natural levels of testosterone but has become an unwilling face of the issue. Indian sprinter Dutee Chand has been publicly identified as having high testosterone. Two weeks ago, Olympic silver medalist and Semenya rival Francine Niyonsaba of Burundi confirmed she has hyperandrogenism too. Referring to the rule, Niyonsaba said: "For me, it's about discrimination. It doesn't make sense. I didn't choose to be born like this. What am I? I'm created by God."

At the 2016 Rio Olympics, Semenya and Chand competed, and other athletes implied that other runners, including medalists in the 800 meters, also had elevated levels.

"I think that we need separate events for them and for us," Nataliia Lupu of Ukraine said after running against Semenya. "You can see that it's easy for them." □

# NCAA announces 5-year strategy for women's basketball

By DOUG FEINBERG  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The NCAA announced a five-year strategy Monday providing guidelines for decision making across all three divisions, the first time the NCAA has come up with a cross-divisional plan for a single sport.

College sports' governing body will explore potential changes to championship formats, officiating and other areas in an effort to further popularize the game.

Women's basketball is

coming off another strong Final Four that saw Baylor edge Notre Dame for the title. Ratings were up and attendance for the entire tournament was at its highest in 15 years.

"Women's college basketball just experienced a phenomenal and exhilarating postseason with the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Final Four and the Division II and III national championships," said Lynn Holzman, NCAA vice president of women's basketball. "Playing off these successes, we are excited to be officially

rolling out our new game plan for the next five years." The NCAA wants to increase the number of qualified officials in the pipeline through enhancing skill development, evaluations and accountability of the referees. The NCAA also plans to collaborate with the Sports Science Institute to promote mental health awareness for women's basketball. There will also be a review of championship formats to try and enhance site selections for regionals.

Earlier this week the NCAA

announced that all three women's basketball college championships will be played together in Dallas in 2023 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Title IX. The NCAA also played all three Final Fours together in 2016 when the national semifinals were in Indianapolis.

The NCAA engaged more than 1,000 stakeholders in development of its five-year plan that will guide Divisions I, II and III in collaboration with their key stakeholders to express a shared vision for the future of wom-

en's basketball. The leaders of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, USA Basketball, ESPN, and other strategic partners also participated in the feedback and planning process.

"Values drive behavior and sharing these values across all of NCAA women's basketball is important," Holzman said. "As we work to grow this sport, we encourage others to join us in being champions for women's basketball by getting involved as the NCAA rolls out our action plans and priorities later this summer." □

# Dreams of ubiquitous social robots still aren't coming true

By **MATT O'BRIEN**

**AP Technology Writer**

Hopes that the tech industry was on the cusp of rolling personal robots into homes are dimming now that several once-promising consumer robotics companies have shut down.

The latest casualty was San Francisco startup Anki, maker of the playful toy robot Cozmo, which upon its release in 2016 seemed like the start of a new wave of sociable machines.

That dream ended this week when Anki CEO and co-founder Boris Sofman gathered many of the company's nearly 200 employees to deliver the news that all of them would be laid off Wednesday. The bad news soon spread to fans and owners of Cozmo and its newer cousin Vector, unveiled last year in an effort to appeal to grown-ups.

"Cozmo was the first robot that felt almost alive," said David Schaefer, a programmer and robot enthusiast in Portland, Oregon, who was so enamored with the feisty machine that he created a "Life with Cozmo" channel on YouTube that's attracted millions of viewers. One of the most popular videos, called "Unrequited Love," documents Cozmo's awkward interactions with a guinea pig.

Anki's demise was part of



In this July 30, 2018, file photo, Anki Inc. CEO Boris Sofman holds Vector, the company's new home robot, in New York. In this July 30, 2018, file photo, Anki Inc. CEO Boris Sofman holds Vector, the company's new home robot, in New York.

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a string of failed efforts to launch life-like robots into the market. Boston-based Jibo, founded by one of the pioneers of social robotics, went out of business less than a year after its curvy talking speaker made the cover of Time Magazine's "best inventions" edition. Another startup, California-based Mayfield Robotics, last year stopped manufacturing Kuri, a camera-equipped machine marketed as a watchful roving nanny.

None of them have been

able to compete with immobile smart speakers made by Amazon, Apple and Google, which cost less than their more physically complex robotic counterparts but are powered by ever-improving artificial-intelligence systems that serve most users' needs.

"AI without a body has caught on really well," said Yan Fossat, head of the research lab at Toronto-based Klick Health, which is exploring social robotics in the medical field. "Physi-

cal robots, with a body to do something, are not really catching up." They cost too much for the marginal service they offer, he said. Still, Anki got farther than most of its robotics hardware peers in appealing to the masses with an emotionally intelligent machine that cost hundreds of dollars less than Jibo, Kuri or Sony's robotic dog Aibo.

"You cannot sell a robot for \$800 or \$1,000 that has capabilities of less than an Alexa," Sofman told The Associated Press last year.

He and other company leaders declined comment Tuesday, but a spokesman said the company was "exploring all options to keep our products functioning and cloud services running."

The company reported about \$100 million in annual revenue in 2017, and as of last year had sold more than 1.5 million products, including its robots and the car-racing game Overdrive.

"It does feel a little devastating," said Schaefer, who this week started the Twitter hashtag #SaveAnki in hopes that a bigger tech company or toy maker might acquire it. "Anki took steps toward robotics that other companies haven't tried yet."

Tech industry analyst Carolina Milanesi was also saddened by Anki's demise, but a premonition of the company's fate was the Cozmo sitting idly on her daughter's nightstand for the past six months. The toy market is unforgiving, and Anki may have been unable to extend its reach beyond it, she said.

"There's hype at the beginning, you have very engaged kids, and then they move onto something else," Milanesi said. "Kids grow up. She's now 11 and 'Fortnite' is everything that matters to her in life." □



This Wednesday, April 26, 2017, file photo shows the Google mobile phone icon, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

By **RACHEL LERMAN**

**AP Technology Writer**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — While Google has dominated the online ad market for almost the entirety of its existence, its first quarter earnings report suggests

that competitors may be nipping at its heels.

Investors pushed down the stock of Google's parent company, Alphabet, more than 7% in after-hours trading Monday after it reported revenue that fell short

## Slowing digital-ad growth could force change on Google

of analyst expectations. That dip could shave more than \$65 billion from Alphabet's market value if it holds when the markets open Tuesday.

Google's advertising revenue, its key moneymaker, grew by 15 percent to \$30.7 billion — slower than investors had hoped. Its digital-ad rivals Facebook and Amazon, meanwhile, both reported strong earnings last week, adding to the investor surprise when Alphabet stumbled despite a strong economy.

Alphabet executives de-

flected concerns of growing competition on a conference call with analysts Monday, instead suggesting that fluctuating currency rates and changes to Google ad products during the quarter led to the slowdown. The online-ad industry is also still in a yearslong shift to phone and tablet ads and away from ones aimed at desktop users. Ads for mobile devices bring in less money.

Still, the results sparked concerns that Google's enormously profitable advertising machine might be

starting to sputter. Some analysts suggested it's a signal that Google might need to diversify its business more quickly.

"Does this put more pressure on Google to make more aggressive bets on cloud?" asked Wedbush Securities analyst Dan Ives. Google executives highlighted the company's cloud-computing business as one of its fastest growing segments during the Monday call. But the cloud currently accounts for only a small slice of Alphabet's overall revenue. □

# Stock indexes mostly lower after Fed leaves rates unchanged

By ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

Major U.S. stock indexes were mixed in afternoon trading Wednesday after the Federal Reserve left its key interest rate unchanged and signaled no rate hikes are likely in coming months.

The move, which was widely expected, comes amid signs of renewed economic health, but unusually low inflation. The announcement reaffirms a message that has reassured investors since the start of the year: No rate hikes are likely anytime soon.

The low-rate policy is helping to keep borrowing costs down and supporting an economy that's been growing steadily since late last year.

"The Fed action is a positive, because it means that rates are going to remain low," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments. "And if there was anything that looked like it could be harmful, the Fed is standing ready to consider more ac-



Specialist John Alatzas, left, and trader Michael Milano work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

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commodation."

Soon after the Fed issued its statement, stock prices rose modestly. And the yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which influences mortgages and some other loans, fell slightly.

But the market gave back some of its gains as Federal Reserve Chairman Je-

rome Powell fielded questions from reporters. At one point, he declined to say whether some investors are misguided in expecting the U.S. central bank to trim interest rates this year, something traders have been betting will happen before year's end.

"The committee is comfort-

able with our current policy stance," Powell said.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.51% from 2.50% late Tuesday.

The Fed also expressed a more upbeat view of the economy, saying "economic activity rose at a solid rate." In March, the

Fed had said it appeared that growth had slowed from the fourth quarter of last year. Household goods makers, energy companies and other sectors helped pull the market lower, outweighing gains in technology stocks.

Stocks had been moving sideways right before the Fed's announcement. They rallied earlier in the day as large U.S. companies continued to surprise investors with solid profits.

Earnings reporting season is more than a third of the way through and the results have been tempering investors' worst fears about a severe profit slump. Earnings are down about 0.3% so far for S&P 500 companies. That's far better than the 4% drop expected just a few weeks ago.

Technology giant Apple beat forecasts, despite another quarter of slumping revenue as iPhone sales struggle. Chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices also beat forecasts. The solid results from both companies helped send other technology stocks higher. Johnson Controls and Harris were among the big gainers in the industrial sector after reporting surprisingly strong profits of their own. Health care stocks leveled off after an early decline as the strength of CVS' stellar results offset concerns about Amgen. The drugmaker did report solid profit results but also a surge in costs and falling sales of its cancer drug Neulasta. The health care sector has lagged far behind the rest of the market so far this year, up just 3% versus a 28% surge for technology stocks. □

## US home prices rose 3% year over year in February

By JOSH BOAK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices increased at a slower pace in February, a sign that several years of outsized gains in home values have created affordability challenges in many metro areas.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 3% from a year earlier, down from an annual gain of 3.5% in January.

After the damage from the 2008 financial crisis began to fade, home values started to climb in 2012 and consistently outstripped wage growth. This made it more difficult for would-be buyers to save for a down payment and existing

home owners to upgrade to a more expensive property.

Price increases were strongest in the Sunbelt, a change from past years in which the largest gains came from West Coast cities such as Seattle and San Francisco. Last Vegas reported the largest price increase at 9.7%, followed by Phoenix at 6.7% and Tampa with a 5.4%.

Meanwhile, major California metro areas lost much of their momentum. San Francisco prices rose just 1.4%, San Diego by 1.1% and Los Angeles by 1.8%. These gains are now below the gains in national average hourly earnings, which the Labor Department has reported are up 3.2%. □



In this Feb. 20, 2019, file photo a girl pushes herself on a scooter by a home for sale in the Dallas suburb of Richardson, Texas.

Associated Press



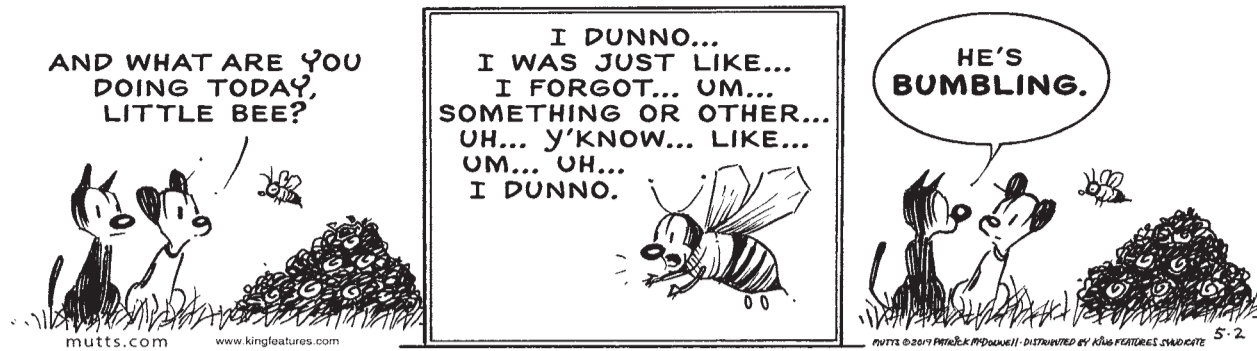
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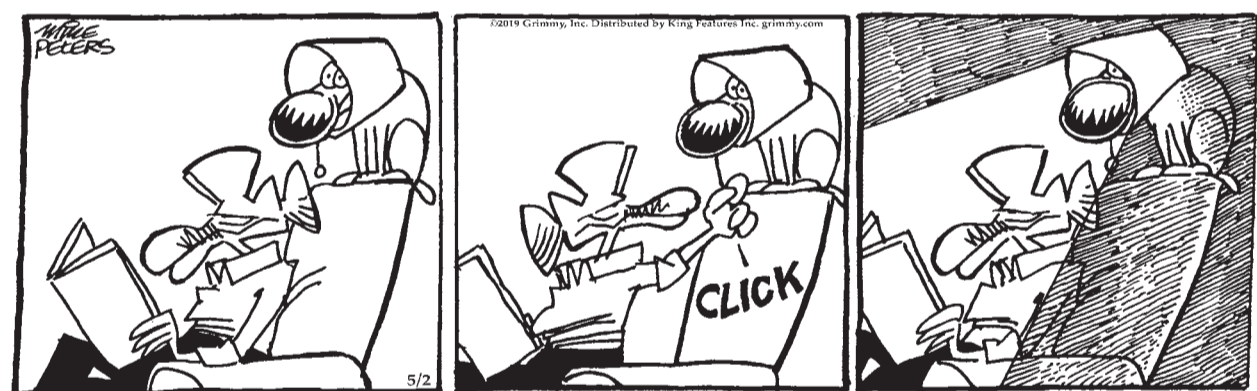
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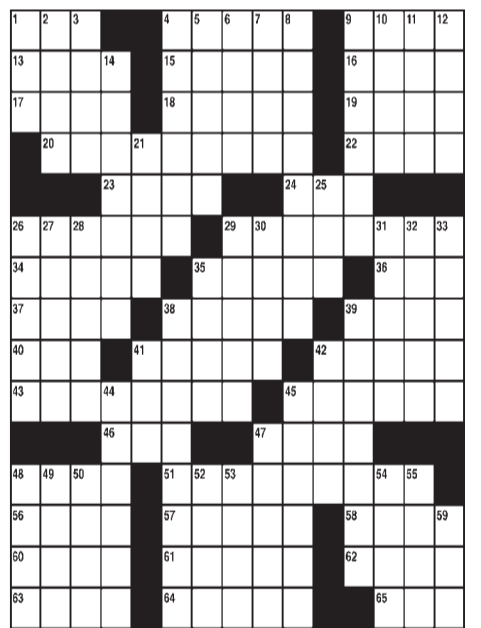
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Geography book diagram
- 4 Bart's mom
- 9 As \_\_\_ as a pancake
- 13 Moll \_\_\_; ponder
- 15 Also known as
- 16 Hit the ceiling
- 17 Telegram
- 18 Legal
- 19 Items in a wallet
- 20 Copy
- 22 Gusto
- 23 Track-and-field event
- 24 Lamb bearer
- 26 High blood pressure danger
- 29 Great Plains tribe
- 34 Show to be true
- 35 "...Quoth the \_\_\_ 'Nevermore.'"
- 36 Galloped
- 37 Tardy
- 38 Like school binder paper
- 39 Unite metals by heating
- 40 Altar promise
- 41 Beauty shop
- 42 Irritate
- 43 Awful
- 45 Gathered crops
- 46 Last month: abbr.
- 47 Enjoy a long bath
- 48 File drawer, perhaps
- 51 To a sickening degree
- 56 Element whose symbol is Fe
- 57 Passed out cards
- 58 "The King and I" setting
- 60 Renown
- 61 Popeye's love
- 62 \_\_\_ or false test
- 63 Black-\_\_\_ peas
- 64 Angers
- 65 Cursing or coveting



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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 2 Fanatical
- 3 South American nation
- 4 Ill will
- 5 Mrs. Ralph Kramden
- 6 Costa \_\_\_
- 7 Horse's pace
- 8 Respected highly
- 9 Popular Disney computer-animated film
- 10 Lois \_\_\_; Clark Kent's love
- 11 Middle \_\_\_; historical period
- 12 Quiz
- 14 Scold
- 21 Body of water
- 25 Obi-\_\_\_ Kenobi
- 26 Divide
- 27 Swap
- 28 Revolving part in a motor
- 29 Paddled boat
- 30 Baker's need
- 31 Sleazebag
- 32 Bisect
- 33 Concluded
- 35 Small brook
- 38 \_\_\_ retriever; friendly dog

- 39 Most frail
- 41 Use a straw
- 42 Potpie ingredients
- 44 \_\_\_ cats and dogs; poured
- 45 Lines of travel
- 47 Soothing lotion
- 48 Small flute
- 49 Like overcast skies
- 50 Residence
- 52 Lunch spot
- 53 Tack
- 54 Haughtiness
- 55 Hawaiian island
- 59 Fellows

## Squirrel initially scares, then snuggles with subway riders

Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — A surprise passenger hitched a ride on a Boston commuter trolley, frightening some people at first, but warming their hearts when it willingly snuggled in a human passenger's arms.

Commuters say a squirrel bounded onto a Red Line trolley Monday morning at an aboveground stop, prompting some passengers to hop onto their seats. Passenger Rosanne Foley, the executive director of the Boston Landmarks Commission, posted a Twitter photo of the squirrel resting on another person's arm. She tells boston.com someone even tried to feed the rodent a piece of granola bar.

The rodent rider was let off by passengers at another aboveground station.

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# It seems like Alzheimer's but peek into brain shows a mimic

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Some people told they have Alzheimer's may instead have a newly identified mimic of the disease — and scientists say even though neither is yet curable, it's critical to get better at telling different kinds of dementia apart.

Too often, the word dementia is used interchangeably with Alzheimer's when there are multiple types of brain degeneration that can harm people's memory and thinking skills.

"Not everything that looks like Alzheimer's disease is Alzheimer's disease," said Dr. Julie Schneider, a neuropathologist at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. And among all the known dementias, this newly identified kind "is the most striking mimic of Alzheimer's," she added.

It's not clear how many people have this particular type, which an international team of scientists defined Tuesday in the journal *Brain*. But there could be a sizeable number, said Dr. Peter Nelson of the University of Kentucky, the paper's lead author.

The dementia was dubbed "LATE," an acronym chosen in part because the oldest seniors seem at greatest risk.

Here's a look at various dementias in the confusing Alzheimer's-or-not mix:

## SCIENTISTS STUMBLED ONTO NEWEST DISORDER

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, and autopsies have long found its telltale signs in the brain: sticky plaque from an abnormal buildup of amyloid protein, and



In this April 29, 2019 photo provided by the University of Kentucky, Dr. Peter T. Nelson inspects a section of brain in the neuropathology lab at the Sanders-Brown Center for Aging in Lexington, Ky. Associated Press

tangles of another protein named tau. Only recently have scientists developed special, pricey scans that can measure that buildup in living brains.

Then studies with those scans found about a third of people with Alzheimer's symptoms lack amyloid buildup — ruling out Alzheimer's, said Schneider, senior author of Tuesday's paper. What else could cause their dementia?

## ANOTHER TOXIC PROTEIN FOUND

It turns out another protein, named TDP-43, also can run amok in the brain. Scientists knew it plays a role in a completely different disorder, Lou Gehrig's disease. Then, they linked TDP-43 buildup to severe shrinking of the hippocampus, a brain region key for learning and memory.

Nelson said about a quarter of people over age 85 have enough abnormal TDP-43 to affect their memory or thinking abilities. For now, it takes an autopsy to spot — the symptoms seem like Alzheimer's until a specialist can peer inside the brain.

"What is now clear is that a lot of dementia is caused by gloppy proteins. We used to think it was just two gloppy proteins, amyloid and tau," Nelson said.

The next step: Finding better ways to measure abnormal TDP-43 and diagnose LATE. (It stands for an unwieldy scientific name — Limbic-predominant Age-related TDP-43 Encephalopathy.)

"Our ultimate goal is to test people hopefully in a very noninvasive way," said National Institute on Aging dementia specialist

Nina Silverberg. That's key to eventually developing treatments.

## OTHER CULPRITS ALSO ARE OVERLOOKED

— Strokes, sometimes small "silent" ones, can trigger what's called vascular dementia, something scientists at the National Institutes of Health think might be prevented with better blood pressure control.

— Lewy body dementia, named for clumps of still another abnormal protein, can cause Alzheimer's-like symptoms along with movement and other problems.

— Frontotemporal dementia often triggers changes in personality and tends to strike at a younger age than Alzheimer's, yet can still be misdiagnosed.

Many older patients probably have "mixed dementia,"

several brain changes that combine to cause trouble, Dr. Walter Koroshetz, head of NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, told a recent meeting about non-Alzheimer's dementias.

Tuesday's paper about TDP-43-caused disease adds to the complexity, said Alzheimer's Association chief science officer Maria Carrillo, who wasn't involved with the new research.

"We must learn more about each contributing cause of dementia so we can understand how these changes begin and interact and co-occur, and how to best diagnose, treat and prevent them," she said.

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO TELL ONE DEMENTIA FROM ANOTHER?

Current treatments for Alzheimer's and other dementias temporarily ease symptoms. But there are other reasons for a precise diagnosis. A list of medications common for seniors can harm people with Lewy body dementia, for example. Knowing the specifics also can help people plan care, as some types of dementia worsen faster than others.

And it's critical for developing better dementia treatments. Testing a treatment that targets, say, the tau tangles or amyloid plaques of Alzheimer's won't stand a chance if patients who only have TDP-43 are allowed into the study.

"If you have a dementia percolating in your brain, the only hope we have right now is to participate in a clinical trial to try to stop it," Nelson said. □

# U.S. wildlife officials propose downlisting endangered beetle

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — said Wednesday a large Federal wildlife officials scavenging beetle that

has been classified as endangered since 1989 has become more plentiful and should be downlisted to threatened, a decision that environmentalists said is not justified by scientific data.

The American burying beetle was once found in 35 states and three Canadian provinces. It was on the brink of extinction when it was classified as endangered three decades ago,

when it was found only in small populations in eastern Oklahoma and Block Island off the coast of Rhode Island.

Conservation efforts over the past 30 years have helped the beetle recover and it is now also found in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas, and on Nantucket Island off the coast of Massachusetts, said Amy Leud-

ers, southwest regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

"We have made some positive steps forward and are now proposing to downlist the beetle," Leuders said.

"The science shows the American burying beetle is even more endangered now, yet the Trump administration is severely reducing its habitat protections," Greenwald said. □

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# Painful death scene doesn't deter soprano Karita Mattila

By MIKE SILVERMAN

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Her character suffers through one of the most harrowing death-bed scenes in all of opera. But that doesn't faze Karita Mattila, who's looking forward to performing it as "quite an adventure."

The Finnish soprano, noted for her dramatic intensity as well as her luminous voice, is returning to the Metropolitan Opera as Mme. de Croissy, the First Prioress, in Francis Poulenc's 20th-century masterpiece, "Dialogues of the Carmelites." The opera is adapted from a play that is loosely based on the true story of a group of Carmelite nuns who were guillotined during the French Revolution.

The revival of the classic John Dexter production opens Friday for three performances, the last of which, on Saturday afternoon, May 11, will be broadcast live in HD to movie theaters worldwide. Mattila's character appears in just two scenes early in the opera, but the grim realism of her death from cancer can leave an impression that lingers until the tragic conclusion. One of the challenges, she said, is to convince the audi-



This image released by the Metropolitan Opera shows soprano Karita Mattila, center, Paul Corona, left, and Karen Cargill during a performance of Poulenc's "Dialogues of the Carmelites" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

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ence that she's writhing in agony as she sings.

"It's tough because you have to stay in bed and make it work," Mattila said in an interview after a rehearsal last month. "But it helps to be fit, so you can find uncomfortable-looking positions for an ill person and still sing it."

Fitness has never been an issue for Mattila, who at 58 retains the willowy figure that helped make her por-

trayal of Strauss' "Salome" — which included a flash of full frontal nudity — a sensation at the Met in 2004.

That was perhaps the high point of a long Met career that began in 1990 and has taken her through more than a dozen leading roles totaling nearly 150 performances in operas by Mozart, Wagner and Janacek, among others.

Now, at an age when many sopranos think about

retiring, Mattila is thinking instead about all the new roles she's eager to take on. Peter Gelb, the Met's general manager, said the company was looking to find new assignments for her, "since Karita has been such a major part of recent Met vocal history and still has so much to offer."

She said she had never seen "Dialogues" before, "and I just thought it would be quite an adventure." As

she studied the part, she became fascinated by the character of Mme. de Croissy, who in her delirious final moments lashes out at God.

"She's so human facing death, she becomes so bare with all her weaknesses," Mattila said. "She has spent 30 years in that convent, and then to have such a moment at the end — it fascinates me. You can be a president, a king, whatever and you still struggle with the same issues as everybody else."

Vocally, she said, the role is tricky because although it has its share of high notes, much of it lies "lower than the usual dramatic soprano stuff," especially her first scene with Blanche, the conflicted young newcomer who is the opera's heroine. First Prioresses at the Met over the years have included the great French soprano Regine Crespin, who originated the role when the production premiered in 1977.

Yannick Nezet-Seguin, the Met's music director who is conducting this revival, said Mattila's portrayal "lives up to the legendary singers" who have performed it previously at the Met. □

# 'Hurts 2B Human' offers a predictable Pink

By RAGAN CLARK

Associated Press

Pink, "Hurts 2B Human" (RCA)

Right out of the gate on her new album, Pink gives you just the song you expect from the punk superstar: a pop ballad oozing with confidence and giving her signature "f-off" vibe. Her background vocalists sound like a posse as she sings out, "Don't hustle me/Don't f--- with me."

"Hurts 2B Human" sounds largely like Pink's typical aesthetic — mostly pop with a punk attitude and a few sentimental piano ballads sprinkled in. Just like her 2017 album "Beautiful Trauma," Pink dabbles in a myriad of styles, but this time recruits the help of more collaborators. Kha-

lid, Cash Cash, Wrabel and even Chris Stapleton make appearances.

The album lands clearly in the pop camp. First single "Walk Me Home" is catchy with all the right ear worm ingredients, but this same formulaic pop tendency hurts her on other songs. Her energy and booming vocals may draw listeners in, but the album falls short with some tracks lacking originality.

"My Attic" sounds like a tune that's been done before: a Fergie-style "Big Girls Don't Cry" using a thinly veiled metaphor of an attic to describe the things she keeps hidden. "I keep hiding the keys in all these places even I can't find/Hoping one day you'll find them all 'cause I wanna let

you see inside my attic."

This isn't to say all Pink's sentimental tracks are kitschy. "90 Days" incorporates a James Blake/Imogen Heap production style with a balanced blend of Wrabel and Pink's vocals over distorted layers to create a strong track.

It's also one of the songs that sounds radio-ready, along with the title track, proving that Pink still has what it takes to stay relevant. The breadth of her collaborations are also commendable: the R&B style of Khalid and the country roots of Stapleton may not seem cohesive, but both sound equally at home on the record.

Overall, "Hurts 2B Human" is predictably Pink — to both its benefit and detriment. □



This cover image released by RCA shows "Hurts 2B Human," a release by Pink.

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# Summer Movie Preview: 'The Lion King' roars again

By LINDSEY BAHR

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Director Jon Favreau has just left a scoring session for "The Lion King" with Hans Zimmer and an orchestra. It was for the stampede (yes, THAT stampede). And it will come as no surprise to anyone familiar with the 1994 animated classic that, with Favreau's footage playing in the background, it got a little emotional in that room.

"Working on it doesn't make it any less emotional," Favreau said.

And don't even get him started on what it was like to listen to James Earl Jones record his lines as Mufasa. Favreau and an army of people behind the scenes are putting the finishing touches on what might be this summer's most anticipated release, one that's been three years in the making with some of the



This image released by Disney shows the characters Zazu, voiced by John Oliver, left, and Simba, voiced by JD McCrary, in a scene from "The Lion King," directed by Jon Favreau.

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biggest names in entertainment, including Beyoncé, and the expectations couldn't be higher. None of the other major studios are even daring to go up against "The Lion King" when it opens July 19.

The animated film, which opened in June 1994 at the peak of the Disney animation renaissance, went on to become a critical hit, the highest grossing film of the year at the worldwide box office (it was second domestically to "Forrest Gump"), a two-time Oscar winner for Zimmer's score and the song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," and a Broadway show — now the third-longest running and one of the most successful in history. So it was only a matter of time before the Walt Disney Co., in this new era of live-action remakes of its animated library which this year included both "Dumbo" and "Aladdin," turned to one of its most beloved.

Favreau wasn't finished with his version of "The Jungle Book" when he started inquiring about plans for "The Lion King." He'd learned so much about motion capture technology and had a team he knew how to collaborate with. He was ready to take it to the next level. So, he raised his hand for the big job.

"I kind of lobbied for it," Favreau said.

The studio waited until "The

Jungle Book" was out to give him the official word, but the 2016 movie which scored with both critics and audiences, turned out to be a pretty good audition. And he set to work prepping this "live-action" "Lion King," which, it should be said isn't live-action at all. It's a combination of virtual reality and "keyframe animation," which means that the animals are all animated by hand, "just like all the old animated movies," Favreau explained. In other words, if you visited the set, you would not find some gargantuan soundstage and a bunch of actors running around acting like lions while covered in motion capture bodysuits and dots.

Rather, it was more of a "black box with people wearing headsets and VR goggles."

The VR was used to "drive the camera" and "instead of just one layout artist on a computer, we had a full crew operating virtual cameras in a virtual reality environment," he said.

That includes esteemed cinematographer Caleb Deschanel, a six-time Oscar nominee.

The resulting special effect is that "It should feel like a live-action movie," he said, even if it's technically animated.

For the cast, which includes Donald Glover as Simba, Beyoncé as Nala, Chiwetel

Ejiofor as Scar, Seth Rogen as Pumbaa and Billy Eichner as Timon, the process was pretty similar to what they would have done for a traditionally animated movie, but Favreau also filmed the actors during their voice recording sessions to help the animators. He knew it would look to weird to try to translate human expressions onto the cats' faces so instead emotion is conveyed through body language (and a little mouth moving for the dialogue).

Anyone who's seen the marketing thus far has no doubt recognized some familiar touchstones from the 1994 film. So familiar, in fact, that many started to wonder if this was going to be a shot-for-shot remake. Favreau said that isn't the case.

"It diverges quite a bit," he said. "It's much longer than the original film. And part of what we're doing here is to (give it more dimension) not just visually but both story wise and emotionally." The main story points are the same, but like the stage musical, there will be differences too. Plus, he wanted to capitalize on the uniqueness of his actors.

With Beyoncé, for instance, he even changed the way he directed her and approached her animation after seeing her stage show and all the personas she channels for each song. □

# John Singleton, maker of 'Boyz N the Hood,' dies at 51

By JAKE COYLE

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Director John Singleton, who made one of Hollywood's most memorable debuts with the Oscar-nominated "Boyz N the Hood" and continued over the following decades to probe the lives of black communities in his native Los Angeles and beyond, has died. He was 51.

Singleton's family said Monday that he died in Los Angeles, surrounded by family and friends, after being taken off life support. Earlier this month, the director suffered a major stroke.

Singleton was in his early 20s, just out of the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, when he wrote, directed and produced "Boyz N the Hood." Based on Singleton's upbringing and shot in his old neighborhood, the low-budget production starred Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ice Cube and centered on three friends in South Central Los Angeles, where college aspirations competed with the pressures of gang life. "Boyz N the Hood" was a critical and commercial hit, given a 20-minute standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival and praised as a groundbreaking extension of rap to the big screen, a realistic and compassionate take on race, class, peer pressure and family. Singleton would later call it a "rap album on film."

For many, the 1991 release captured the explosive mood in Los Angeles in the months following the videotaped police beating of Rodney King. "Boyz N the Hood" also came out at a time when, thanks to the efforts to Spike Lee and others, black films were starting to get made by Hollywood after a long absence.

Singleton became the first black director — and at 24 the youngest — to receive an Academy Award nomination, an honor he would say was compensation for the academy's snubbing Lee and "Do the Right Thing" two years earlier, and was nominated for best screenplay. ("Thelma & Louise"

ise" won instead.)

"I think I was living this film before I ever thought about making it," Singleton told Vice in 2016. "As I started to think about what I wanted to do with my life, and cinema became an option, it was just natural that this was probably gonna be my first film. In fact, when I applied to USC film school they had a thing that asked you to write three ideas for films. And one of them was called 'Summer of '84,' which was about growing up in South Central LA."

In 2002, "Boyz N the Hood" was added to the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress, which called it "an innovative look at life and the tough choices present for kids growing up in South Central Los Angeles."

Singleton's death Monday followed a turbulent week during which his family members made opposing court filings regarding his health. Singleton had been in intensive care in a Los Angeles hospital since he had a stroke on April 17.

Singleton's passing prompted widespread praise for a filmmaker who, as his "Shaft" star Samuel L. Jackson said, "blazed the trail for many young film makers," while "always remaining true to who he was and where he came from."

Ava DuVernay called him "a giant among us." Spike



In this Feb. 24, 2008 file photo, director John Singleton arrives at the 80th Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

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Lee said, "We'll miss you but your films will live on." Jordan Peele, the Oscar-winning "Get Out" and "Us" filmmaker, called him "a brave artist and a true inspiration." "His vision changed everything," said Peele.

None of Singleton's subsequent movies received the acclaim of "Boyz N the Hood" and he was criticized at times for turning characters into mouthpieces for political and social messages. But he attracted talent ranging from Tupac Shakur to Don Cheadle and explored themes of creative expression ("Poetic Justice"), identity ("Higher Learning") and the country's racist past, notably in "Rosewood," based on a murderous white rampage against a black community in Florida in 1923.

He also made the coming-

of-age story "Baby Boy," a remake of the action film "Shaft" and an installment in the "Fast and Furious" franchise, "2 Fast 2 Furious." More recent projects included the FX crime drama "Snowfall," which he helped create. Starring Damson Idris, "Snowfall" returned Singleton to the Los Angeles of his youth and the destructive effects of the rise of crack cocaine.

"Drugs devastated a generation. It gave me something to write about, but I had to survive it first," Singleton told the Guardian in 2017. "It made me a very angry young man. I didn't understand why I was so angry, but I wasn't someone who took my anger and applied it inward. I turned it into being a storyteller. I was on a kamikaze mission to really tell stories

from my perspective — an authentic black perspective."

Singleton was married twice, and had five children. Besides his career in movies, Singleton also directed the memorable, Egyptian-themed video for Michael Jackson's "Remember the Time," which included Eddie Murphy and Magic Johnson. He cast hip-hop artists and other musicians in many of his films, including Ice Cube in "Boyz N the Hood," Janet Jackson and Shakur in "Poetic Justice" and Tyrese Gibson in "Baby Boy."

Most recently, Singleton, who regretted turning down the chance to direct on the first season of "The Wire," turned his focus largely to television. He directed episodes of "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story" (for which he was nominated for an Emmy), "Empire" and "Billions." He co-created and executive produced "Snowfall," directing three episodes.

"There's hardly any precedent for a guy like me to have the career that I've had," Singleton told Variety in 2017. "Because I grew up the way I grew up, I'm an in-your-face kind of guy. I developed that as a defense mechanism to survive in the streets. I do that in Hollywood in the service of my passion." □

## Daniel Radcliffe to return to London stage in Beckett play

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**LONDON (AP)** — Daniel Radcliffe is returning to the London stage in a Samuel Beckett double bill.

The Old Vic Theatre says the former "Harry Potter" star will appear alongside Alan Cumming in a production of Beckett's bleak comedy "Endgame" that opens in February. It will be performed along with Beckett's rarely produced short play "Rough For Theatre II."

The 29-year-old Radcliffe

appeared at the Old Vic in 2017 in Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead."

The Old Vic's 2019-2020 season will also reunite Claire Foy and Matt Smith, stars of the first two seasons of "The Crown," as a couple grappling with the fate of the planet in "Lungs."

The theater also plans to stage Lucy Prebble's "A Very Expensive Poison," based on the killing of former Russian agent Alexander Litvinenko.



In this Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 file photo, Daniel Radcliffe participates in the "Miracle Workers" panel during the TBS presentation at the Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour at The Langham Huntington on in Pasadena, Calif.

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# Argentina's Evita remembered through toys for poor children

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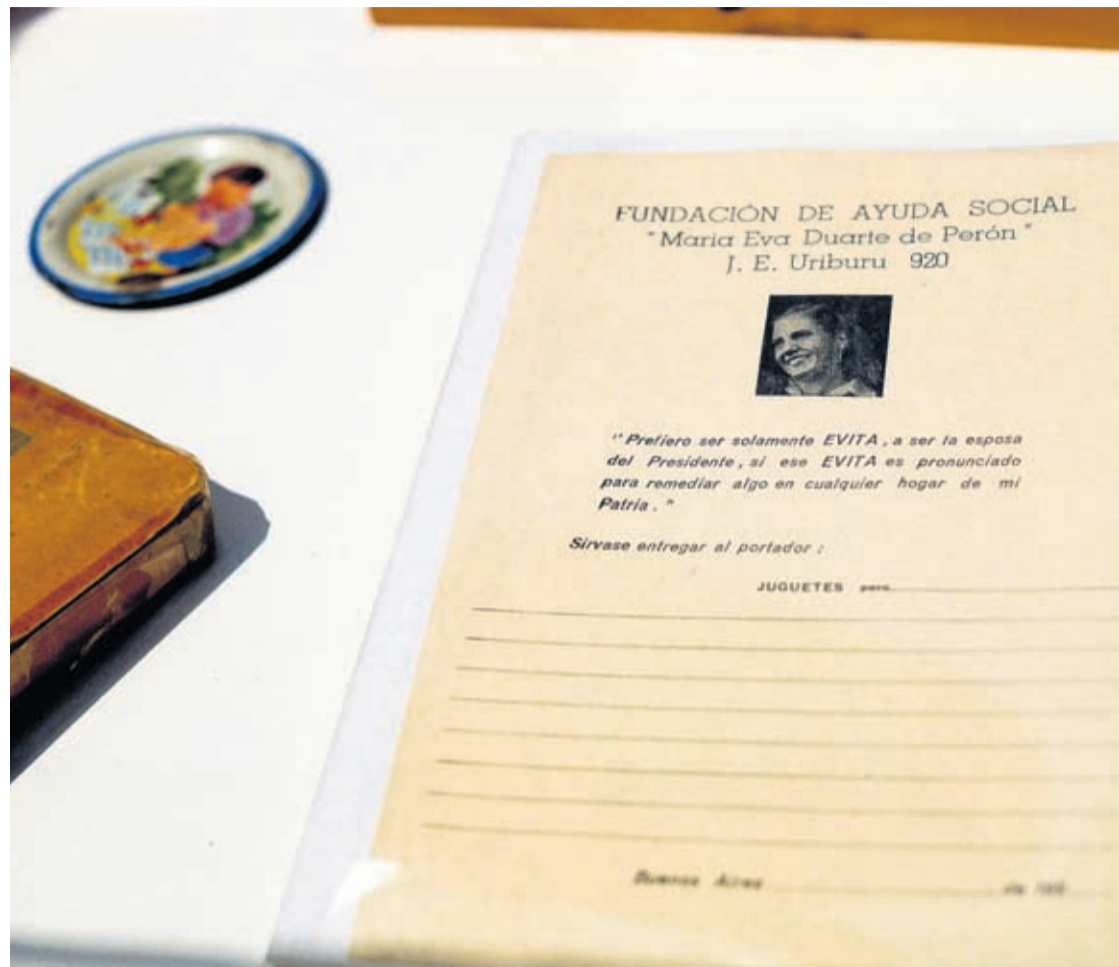
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**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — A half-deflated leather football, a box of marbles, a ragged doll and a handful of windup cars and trains line the display cabinets in the Evita Museum like ancient relics. These worn-out toys played a vital role in the rise of Peronism in Argentina, one of the most influential movements in Latin America.

Long before politicians started using social media to influence public opinion, the political movement of Juan Perón and his second wife also sought to touch voters on a personal level: handing out toys to 4 million children from Argentina's poorest families. The practice was fundamental to the popularity and at times unconditional backing showered by Argentines on Peronism, which persisted far beyond the deaths of Perón and wife Eva María Duarte, famously known as Evita and idolized by her supporters as the "champion of the poor."

To mark the 100th anniversary of her birth on May 7, 1919, the Evita Museum in Buenos Aires has inaugurated an exhibition titled "Childhood and Peronism, the toys of the Eva Perón Foundation." It displays several dozen of the toys distributed by the party every Christmas Day and the Epiphany holiday between 1948 and 1955.

"Children were always given particular importance in Eva's work, especially all matters concerning



Papers used to register the distribution of toys by the Eva Perón Foundation are displayed at an

children's rights," Marcela Genés, the museum's curator, told The Associated Press. "She herself had a very impoverished childhood and that stayed with her. Achieving justice for children was a particular focus for Eva."

Juan Perón, an army general, served as president for two different spans. He first took office in 1946 and won re-election in 1951 with a landslide victory of 63.4% of the votes, still the highest percentage ever in Argentina. The beginning of his second term, in 1952, was overshadowed by Evita's death at age 33 from uterine cancer. Three years lat-

er, he was overthrown and forced into exile by a military coup. After 18 years, Perón returned and was elected president again in 1973. He served until his death in 1974 and was succeeded by his widow, Isabel Perón, who herself was ousted by the military in 1976.

Leaving behind humble beginnings, Evita arrived in Buenos Aires as a teenager. She worked as an actress until she met Perón at a festival held to raise funds for the victims of Argentina's 1944 earthquake. Once she had become first lady, she created the Eva Perón Foundation after being prevented from heading the Buenos Aires Charitable Society, an organization formed by upper-class women who traditionally appointed the first lady as its honorary president. Many children were delivered toys by Evita herself, while others picked up their gifts at post offices across the country.

One item in the museum exhibit is a tin train set. Somewhat rusty, it has huge sentimental value for 80-year-old Saúl Macyszyn. Seven decades ago, it helped him recover after

an accident left him without one arm and paralyzed in the other arm and both legs.

Macyszyn chokes up when he recalls being visited in the hospital by Evita after undergoing a seventh surgery.

"I saw many doctors and nurses coming toward me. Evita was in the middle of them. With all the flashes from the photographers' cameras, it looked like she had fallen from heaven," he said.

First, Evita greeted his parents. She then approached his bedside and said: "Look, little Saúl, you will not be able to be a worker like

your father. You will have to study. The foundation will give you a scholarship."

Macyszyn said the accident had left him isolated, because an amputated arm was considered "monstrous" in those days. The train set he received from Evita served as a bridge with other children.

"Everyone in the neighborhood would come, so I had lots of friends. I had a happy childhood," he said.

The foundation continued after Evita's death until the coup toppled Perón.

Critics of Peronism accuse the movement of engaging in populism and patronage to win votes from the poor rather than promoting social mobility through enduring structural reforms. But away from political debates, Evita's persona has transcended time and borders.

The worldwide fascination began in the 1970s with Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Evita." Then came Alan Parker's film starring Madonna that was based on the musical, followed by Evita's dresses shown at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art as part of a Christian Dior exhibit. The Evita Museum draws dozens of tourists every day.

One recent visitor, Paola Jaque of Chile, looked at the toy exhibition in admiration.

"The variety of toys and the letters the children wrote to ask her for toys caught my eye," Jaque said. "She answered them personally, which I don't believe happens nowadays." □



People visit the "Childhood and Peronism, the toys of the Eva Perón Foundation" exhibit at the Evita Museum in Buenos Aires, Argentina Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

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